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## Efforts to break Gulf truce impasse

# UN chief floats 3-point formula

UNITED NATIONS, Aug 5. (Agencies): Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said today Iraq was still demanding direct talks with Iran as a condition for a ceasefire in the Gulf war.

After meeting Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz for the first time in a week, the secretary-general said: "They maintain their position on direct talks, which I have to respect, of course."

He also disclosed he was discussing a formula that might bridge the conflicting positions between Iraq and Iran, which has refused to enter face-to-face negotiations until a truce is in effect.

### Ignored

Aziz brushed past correspondents after a meeting with Perez de Cuellar that lasted just under an hour.

When asked about a report that Iraq was seeking Security

Council guarantees that Iran would comply if the Iraqis accepted a truce, Ryadh Al Qaysi, a senior member of the Iraqi delegation, ignored the question as he joined colleagues in an official limousine.

Earlier, sources close to the peace talks here said Perez de Cuellar was floating a three-point compromise to break the deadlock.

Iraq insists on direct talks before any ceasefire. Iran says a ceasefire must come first, with the possibility of face-to-face negotiations later.

### Assurances

The sources said Perez de Cuellar would ask both sides for assurances they are interested in implementing all parts of a year-old Security Council resolution that provides for a ceasefire and a comprehensive settlement of the eight-year-old conflict.

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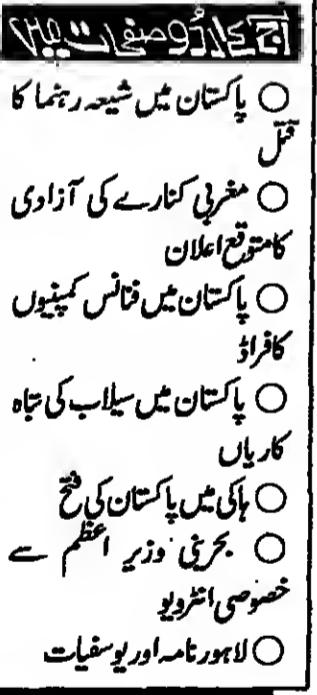
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An Iraqi prisoner of war wipes his eyes while being hugged by a relative (left) as about 100 Iraqi prisoners of war held emotional reunions with parents, wives and children in Iran. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Iraq denies chemical attack

BAGHDAD, Aug 5. (Reuters): Iraq denied today an Iranian charge that it dropped chemical bombs on northwestern Iran for two successive days.

"We have never used chemical weapons to attack any Iranian town, including the Kurdish town of Oshnavieh," a military spokesman said. He said recent Iraqi air raids were against oil sites supplying Tehran's war effort.

He also indicated that the continued clashes between the belligerents were likely to peter out and would not stand in the way of achieving peace.

"I am convinced that we will arrive here at the United Nations at a just, comprehensive and honourable solution to the conflict between the two countries," Walters told the Arab Times and several other reporters from Kuwait, Manama and Cairo in an interview last Thursday.

He said the ongoing hostilities are "incidents and not part of Baghdad's or Tehran's national policy to continue fighting."

"They are trying to squeeze the last drop of juice from what they consider favourable for them," he said.

The interview was conducted through Worldnet, a satellite television network which links the United States with its embassies.

"What we are witnessing is some bitterness and some of the hostility of eight years of war manifesting itself. But in my view the two countries have made the choice for peace," he said.

He denied that the ceasefire talks are stalled.

"After eight years of war, I don't consider two weeks an excessive amount of time to work out the problems," he said.

"We are moving in the right direction. You can't make peace in a day like this."

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Iran-Contra case

WASHINGTON, Aug 5. (Reuters): The judge in the Iran-Contra case today ordered the trial of former White House aide Oliver North delayed until after the November presidential election because of a dispute over secret documents demanded by North.

UN experts recently concluded in a study that both Iraq and Iran had used chemical weapons in the war.

Reflecting on the post-war period Walters said he could see a bright future for the whole region provided Iraq and Iran "get out

the day like this."

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## We want comprehensive peace: Sheikh Hamad



By Ahmed Al Jarallah

THE Gulf region wants peace to prevail after a long period of tension and war, the Crown Prince of Bahrain has said.

In an exclusive interview, Sheikh Hamad Bin Issa Al Khalifa said: "We do not want a truce only, we want a comprehensive peace that will bring back the good neighbourly relations and tranquility to the whole region."

Sheikh Hamad hoped that the end of the Gulf war will lead to the end of the Middle East conflict or at least it will prepare the ground towards solving the

problem.

He also said that the superpowers want to put an end to tensions in many places in the world and the Gulf region is one of them. He quoted Western officials as saying that the Iran-Iraq war was on the verge of ending and the only question remaining to be solved is the Palestinian issue in the Middle East.

### Truce

The Crown Prince said Iraq has the right to ensure Iran's intentions towards peace. "It should be known that Iraq's refusal to accept only a ceasefire is the demand of the whole

region. A comprehensive peace is a legitimate demand, Iran should positively respond to this wish as it really represents the true path towards achieving durable peace."

"Anything outside this understanding would indicate something different, and, perhaps, opposite to peace. It may mean that what is wanted (by Iran) is merely an unstable truce that can be broken or violated at any time, thus returning to the warfare, which Iraq and the rest of the states in the Gulf oppose."

Sheikh Hamad said: "We do not want to look at the end of the (Continued on Page 4)

### Underground leaders may declare independence

## Jordan laying off Palestinian officials in West Bank

AMMAN, Aug 5. (Reuters): Jordan has agreed to discuss with the PLO its decision to sever links with the West Bank as it axed payments to nearly 20,000 civil servants and teachers in the Israeli-occupied territory.

The congressmen said negotiations with the administration on the Kuwait deal also produced for the first time written assurances barring procurement of equipment to allow the F-18s to be refuelled in flight, extending their range, and barred Kuwait from transferring any of the weapons to third countries.

### Intended

The Reagan administration told Congress a month ago that it intended to sell \$1.9 billion worth of F-18 jets and missiles to Kuwait. The missiles were to include Mavericks, Sidewinders, Sparrows and Harpoons.

Kuwait has agreed to restrictions on the arms package, and the agreement between the administration and critics in Congress means the deal can go ahead, said congressmen Larry Smith and Mel Levine, both Democrats.

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## INTERNATIONAL

# Tighten sanctions against S. Africa: Commonwealth

TORONTO, Aug 5. (AP): The world must tighten economic sanctions against South Africa and impose heavier penalties on violators in the fight to abolish its apartheid system of racial segregation, Commonwealth foreign ministers declared.

Sanctions have had limited bite because Pretoria has found new export markets in Japan, West Germany and other countries, the special panel of eight foreign ministers was told during a two-day meeting that ended on Wednesday.

#### Achievements

The ministers urged Commonwealth and other governments to implement existing sanctions fully, tighten scrutiny over their application and provide heavier penalties for circumvention.

They also urged financial institutions to halt short-term credit financing for South African trade and toughen loan and insurance procedures, called for

stricter enforcement of the UN arms embargo against Pretoria, and agreed to work on a Commonwealth programme to counter South African propaganda.

"I can't think of another Commonwealth meeting in which we've achieved so much in such a short time," said Shridath Ramphal, secretary-general of the 49-nation organisation, which groups Britain and its former colonies.

On the committee are ministers from Canada, Australia, Guyana, India, Nigeria, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Britain was absent because it opposes sanctions against South Africa.

The first comprehensive survey of the effect of sanctions on the South African economy, prepared by Commonwealth experts, showed that Japan, West Germany, Taiwan, Italy, Spain and Turkey dramatically increased imports from South Africa in recent years.

It said the result was that sales

by South Africa and its customs union partners of Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland were down just four per cent last year in comparison with the 1983-85 average, although gold sales fell 14 per cent.

Japan expanded its imports from South Africa last year by \$748 million, compared with 1983-85, replacing the United States as South Africa's biggest customer, the study said.

In 1986, Britain provided the largest market for South African fruit, and Japan for coal and corn, while Turkey is a major purchaser of South African iron and steel. Spain has suddenly become the world's third largest customer for South African coal, buying 4,446 tons last year.

At the other end of the spectrum, nine leading countries that chose to impose trade sanctions cut their imports by \$1.2 billion between 1985 and 1987, to a low of \$2.18 billion.

The reduction represents

about seven per cent of South Africa's exports. The countries are the United States, France, Denmark, Canada, Sweden, Norway, Ireland, Finland and New Zealand.

US purchases from South Africa fell \$860 million to \$1.32 billion. American exports to South Africa rose 10 per cent last year to \$1.25 billion, but were still down 33 per cent on the 1983-85 average, the study said.

Japanese exports rose 39 per cent to \$1.88 billion, while West German sales to South Africa went up 31 per cent last year to a table-topping \$2.5 billion. British exports increased 25 per cent to \$1.55 billion.

Canadian Foreign Minister Joe Clark, committee chairman, said sanctions were intended to put psychological and economic pressure on the white-minority in South Africa, and the message has been received.

But he added: "They're not biting enough. There has to be a continuation of the pressure."



Mathias Rust (right) tells a newsman at Frankfurt airport he wishes to make no comments. (Reuter wirephoto)

#### Red Square pilot hopes his licence won't be revoked

## Rust faces new troubles

BONN, Aug 5. (AP): West German Mathias Rust, just freed from a Soviet prison for his stunning flight to Moscow, hopes his pilot's licence will not be revoked because of the daredevil act, a newspaper reported today.

Rust remained in seclusion two days after the Kremlin ordered his early release from a four-year prison sentence for his dramatic Red Square landing in May 1987.

#### Foolish

Now that he's home he could face new troubles including criminal charges, the possible loss of his pilot's licence, and indications most of his countrymen do not approve of his daring flight.

Bild newspaper interviewed Helmut Heidemann, co-pilot of the charter jet that flew Rust from Frankfurt airport to Hanover late Wednesday night.

According to Bild,

Heidemann said he spoke with Rust in the jet's cockpit and the young German told him: "I want to fly again. I have already paid enough for my foolish act."

The mass-circulation Bild said Rust had been taken to an unidentified location between Hamburg and Hanover, where he had a private reunion with his family.

The 20-year-old Rust has said he is glad to be home.

But he is facing two separate West German investigations into his flight in which he evaded Soviet air defence radar in a single-engine airplane and landed in front of the Kremlin on May 28, 1987.

#### Revocation

In Hamburg, state licensing officials said they were looking into a possible revocation of Rust's pilot's licence.

"We are now investigating

#### Violent protests staged

## Pakistani Shiite leader slain

PESHAWAR, Pakistan, Aug 5. (Reuter): An unidentified gunman killed Pakistan's most prominent Shiite Muslim cleric today, sparking violent protests and fears of an outbreak of intercommunal bloodshed.

Police said Allama Arif Al Hussaini, a vocal supporter of Iranian spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini, was shot in the chest in the northwestern city of Peshawar after early morning prayers and died on the way to hospital.

#### Disperse

President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq appealed on television for calm and religious unity while religious and political leaders of both Sunni and Shiite Islamic sects condemned the murder.

But in Karachi, the country's biggest city, some 300 angry Shiites set fire to a bank and two vehicles before being dispersed by police, local reporters said. Six were arrested.

In Lahore, a main flashpoint in past clashes between the sects, police used teargas and baton charges to disperse stone-throwing demonstrators, witnesses said.

Some 250 protesters also marched through Peshawar. Police were present in force and no immediate violence was reported.

The killing came only days before a major Shiite festival which has often caused bloodshed between the two communities.

Hussaini, 42, who studied for many years in Iraq and Iran, headed the more militant of the two factions of a body representing Shiites.

Police in Peshawar said they had no immediate idea of who was responsible for the assassination, but Interior Minister Nasim Ahmad Aheer said in a statement there were clear indications a foreign power was involved. He did not elaborate.

## US decision to close PLO office upheld

WASHINGTON, Aug 5. (AP): A federal appeals court today upheld a State Department decision to close the PLO's information office last year on grounds that it was a front for terrorism.

A three-judge panel of the US circuit court of appeals acknowledged that the case raised questions about whether the closing had unconstitutionally infringed on the free-speech rights of the Palestine Information Office.

But the order by Secretary of State George Shultz to close the office didn't "infringe upon any of those constitutionally protected rights," the court said, in an opinion by circuit judge Abner Mikva.

#### Afghan talks

MOSCOW, Aug 5. (Reuter): Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze told Afghan President Najibullah today of steps Moscow is taking to stop alleged Pakistani violations of the Geneva accords on Afghanistan. Tass news agency said.

Diplomats said the decision was another demonstration to the PLO that King Hussein seriously intended to shed responsibility for the West Bank.

"Until the last minute, the PLO didn't believe the king meant what he said," one Western diplomat said.

Rifa's meeting with Abdul Razzak Al Yahya, who is also a member of the PLO's executive committee, was the first contact between the two sides since Hussein's historic speech on Sunday. The PLO said it was not consulted before Hussein announced that he was handing over legal and administrative responsibility for the West Bank to the PLO.

## Iraq and Iran want peace, says Walters

(Continued from Page 1) of this nationalistic confrontation." "Both countries are half-nations and they will have to spend a lot of money on repairing the damage done by the war."

"I think it will be a long time before they think of war as a solution to their problems," he added.

Speaking of the US role in the Gulf in the post-war period he said that Washington did not seek any special advantage or interest in the area.

"We believe that the countries in the region should carry out what they think is in their own national interests without interference from other powers including ourselves," said Walters. But he stressed that the US naval presence in the Gulf would continue.

#### Peace

He called for "some sort of Palestinian representation" in Arab-Israeli peace negotiations and said that Jordan has not withdrawn from the Arab-Israeli problem.

Jordan recently cut its legal and administrative ties with the West Bank.

Walters said Jordan's move would not doom US Secretary of State George Shultz' Mideast peace plan.

"Inevitably Jordan will be a participant in whatever peace talks take place."

"The US position," he said, "is that the problem should be solved through direct talks between Israel and its Arab neighbours, namely Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and some sort of Palestinian representation."

## Iran attacks tanker in Gulf

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affected by the shipping war and this could be a ploy to influence world opinion," one said.

Some Gulf shippers said a trigger-happy Revolutionary Guard could have fired the gunshots at the Berge Lord and this might not signal a new Iranian policy of attack.

Arieh Times reporter Jadranka Porter adds: "The US Ambassador to the United Nations, Vernon Walters, said, the Iranian raid on the tanker would not spur a fresh round of attacks in the tanker war."

#### Excessive

"I think this is probably a case of excessive zeal by a local commander," said Walters. Walters made his comments in a US government-sponsored telecast to the Middle East.

He said that both Iraq and Iran had made it plain that they want peace and added: "There is a lot of pent-up hostility which cannot always be perfectly controlled."

But he condemned the attack saying: "It is wrong. Attacks on neutral shipping are not justifiable under any circumstances."

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Earlier yesterday Dukakis campaigned in Mississippi, trying to regain the once-solid Democratic south which has voted in recent elections for Republicans.

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## Dukakis and Bush spar over defence policy

LOS ANGELES, Aug 5. (Reuter): Michael Dukakis exchanged sharp words on defense policy with his Republican rival George Bush in a long-distance clash as the Democratic presidential nominee headed west to campaign for votes and funds in southern California.

Vice-President Bush launched the initial salvo yesterday in a speech in his adopted home state of Texas when he said the Massachusetts governor was soft on defense and his foreign and defense policies were a major departure from the accepted norms.

"His positions, if taken together, add up to a major departure from the post-war bipartisan consensus on foreign policy ... (and) amount to a rejection of America's role as a world leader and repudiation of the Truman doctrine and the vision of John Kennedy," Bush told a Hispanic military academy.

But Dukakis, travelling through the Deep South on his way to Los Angeles, told reporters: "I think the vice-president knows better than that."

"I want a strong America — all



Dukakis

Americans want a strong America — but we've got to have strong conventional forces as well as a strong nuclear deterrent," he said. "We aren't getting that and we're not going to get it under Vice-President Bush."

"The American people know that we cannot be strong when our conventional forces aren't getting the kind of support they need and if we continue to spend billions and billions on fantasies like Star Wars and MX missiles on railroad cars," he said.

Dukakis defended having supported a nuclear freeze after the

Reagan administration broke off arms talks with Moscow, but said he applauded the recent arms talks initiatives and would now support the development of some weapons systems.

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About 500 demonstrators protesting against US military bases in the Philippines block the traffic in front of the US embassy in Manila. (Reuter wirephoto)

### Students demand removal of American bases

## Police break up anti-US rally

MANILA, Aug 5, (AP): Police swung clubs and fired in the air today to break up a group of students approaching the US embassy to demand the removal of American military bases, witnesses said.

No serious injuries were reported during the protest by 70 students, who were confronted by about 30 riot police 20 metres from the US embassy. Witnesses said they heard three or four explosions from what apparently were homemade bombs.

Police said they arrested 10 protesters, including Nathaniel Santiago, president of the League of Filipino Students, which organised the demonstration.

President Corazon Aquino said today her administration proposed that the United States consider writing off all or part of

the Philippines' estimated \$1-billion debt to the US government as part of compensation for the bases.

"This has been proposed by the Philippine panel, (but) let's just leave it at that," press secretary Teodoro Benigno Aquino said as saying.

US and Filipino negotiators have been negotiating in Manila for the past four months on the status of Clark Air Base, Subic Naval Base and four smaller installations. The talks resumed Tuesday after breaking down last week on the question of compensation.

Communist rebels killed six people in an ambush on Negros island and overran a government-run geothermal power plant in southeastern Luzon, the military reported today.

Guerrillas killed a policeman

in a Manila suburb late yesterday in the latest insurgency-related killing in the capital.

Military reports from Negros said the six were killed yesterday when communist New People's Army rebels ambushed a patrol of the 11th infantry battalion about 500 kilometres southeast of Manila.

The dead included three soldiers, two civilian anti-communist vigilantes and a woman civilian, the report said. Helicopter gunships and armoured personnel carriers were dispatched to track down the rebels.

In Legazpi, the Philippine Constabulary said rebels overran a geothermal plant of the Philippine National Oil Co. yesterday and threatened to destroy the site unless the state-run company paid them 600,000 pesos (\$30,000).

### Iran hangs dissident in public

NICOSIA, Aug 5, (Reuter): Iran said a leading member of the outlawed Mujahedeen-e-Khalq organisation was hanged for his role in an offensive into western Iran last week, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported yesterday.

IRNA, monitored in Nicosia, said the dissident was hanged in public in Ilam in western Iran on Wednesday.

It did not name him but said he was "one of the main elements involved in (mujahedeen) plantings and massacre of the innocent people of the western town of Islamabad-e-Gharb."

Units of Mujahedeen's National Liberation Army (NLA) based in Iraq attacked Iran's western borders on July 26 and captured several towns, including Islamabad-e-Gharb 100 km from the border.

Iranian military leaders said they let the NLA drive deep into Iranian territory to trap them 35 km from the provincial capital Bakhtaran. Iran said it killed 4,800 NLA troops and destroyed their equipment.

The NLA, also claiming victory, said it lost about 1,000 fighters and withdrew after 72 hours to prepare for further attacks.

### Rajiv blames Tigers for breaking promises

## India fed up with Tamil rebels

NEW DELHI, Aug 5, (Reuter): India is getting tired of negotiating with Sri Lankan Tamil rebels, Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi said on Thursday.

Rajiv, on a trip to Madras in south India, told reporters the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) rebels had often gone back on their promises.

"We are a little tired of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, of bringing them to the negotiating table," Rajiv said.

He was non-committal when asked if the government would have further talks with the guerrillas, who are fighting for an independent homeland for Sri Lanka's Tamil minority.

Indian negotiators have failed to persuade them to accept a

ceasefire in their conflict with Indian troops in Sri Lanka.

India sent about 52,000 troops to the island to enforce an accord signed last year by Rajiv and Sri Lankan President Junius Jayewardene aimed at ending the separatist revolt.

Tamil militants blew up a truck, killing six Indian soldiers and injuring four others in eastern Sri Lanka, an Indian official said on Thursday.

The truck was blown up with explosives detonated by remote control devices in a village southwest of Batticaloa town, located 215 kilometres northeast of Colombo.

An Indian diplomat, who cannot be identified under briefing rules, said the soldiers were on

patrol duty when the incident occurred.

The official accused the Tigers of blowing up the truck.

Meanwhile, diplomats said a proposed South Asian summit meeting in Colombo is in doubt because of the security threat in Sri Lanka.

They said Sri Lanka, facing a Tamil separatist revolt in the north and east and marxist guerrilla violence in the south, could not guarantee the safety of visiting heads of government if the summit went ahead.

The seven-member South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation planned to hold its fourth summit in Colombo, the Sri Lankan capital, in November.

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war in terms of winners and vanquished and Iraq is not looking at the issue from this angle. Iraq is looking at the issue from the viewpoint of achieving a stable and durable peace.

This can be achieved only if the opponents sit face to face at the negotiation table at which intentions can be tested and interests of the people of the whole region can be given priority over all other considerations, be said.

**Sense**

He continued: "This war was not a normal one in the sense of the word, but, rather a fierce one. It destroyed cities without discriminating."

Reports indicate one million were killed in the war.

Sheikh Hamad said that the US, since its establishment 200 years ago, lost only 600,000 people in all its wars including the Vietnam war. In Vietnam the US lost 50,000 people.

Thus, one can visualise the fierceness of the Iraq-Iraq war. But, despite these huge losses, we

should talk only about peace.

"When Iran expressed its willingness towards peace," the Crown Prince said, "we felt that a big nightmare is almost gone."

"All the peoples of this region and their leaders felt relaxed and this impression only reflects the desire for peace and an end to the bloodshed that continued for eight long and painful years. Briefly, an atmosphere of optimism has spread all over the region, at all levels, including security, economic and other fields of activity."

Speaking on the GCC member states' views concerning the war, he said that they had different views on the issue. However, after Iran accepted the UN resolution, the differences of opinion disappeared.

**Respect**

This new position may push forward the co-operation among the GCC member states he said.

"In this respect, we have been repeating and stressing the fact that we must form a respectable economic force. The necessary factors for achieving such an

advanced level of co-operation are available," he said.

"The end of the war will produce new factors. The last two weeks witnessed a strange atmosphere of optimism in the whole region. On the basis of new developments, we are capable of creating a force not expressed by the GCC alone but, by the whole region. This force can be cooperative and integrated with the variety and quantity of resources they have. With such co-operation, they can create something very respectable, particularly, when the policy in the whole world is towards ending the atmosphere of tension and spreading peace."

**Indications**

"From the indications, we can safely say that the superpowers have decided to reduce tensions around the world."

"The understanding achieved among the superpowers during the last few months, coupled with the fact that these countries themselves have been facing big problems, economic and others, leave me with the impression that



Ahmed Al Jarallah (right) interviewing the Crown Prince of Bahrain.

the superpowers want to put an end to tensions in many sites in the world," the Crown Prince said.

He cited as an example the negotiations going on at present between Angola and South Africa to solve the problem of Namibia. Moscow and Washington are represented in this conflict through Cuba and UNITA respectively.

"We also witnessed the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan, giving a strong indication of

end of the war there. Additionally, the latest developments in the Iraq-Iraq war indicate it is strongly heading towards peace."

"The recent years and months witnessed improved relations between the US and the Soviet Union, that never existed before. Even countries known for their bardline ideologies, have started retreating. The whole world is tired of tensions and wars. Now peoples of the world want to rest and are preparing to benefit from peace opportunities and

deterrence," the Crown Prince added.

Sheikh Hamad said he believed that border disputes, whatever be their size, can be solved between the concerned parties themselves. This will ensure that the views of the concerned parties will be discussed and not those of others, be added.

Sheikh Hamad said that the Bahraini prime minister, is recovering quickly after successful surgery.

## ROYAL COURT

### Amiri cable

HH the Amiri sent a cable of congratulations to the President of Burkina Faso on the occasion of his country's National Day.

## Kuwait-Sudan ties strong

KHARTOUM, Aug 5 (KUNA): Sudan-Kuwait ties

have always been good throughout and officials of both countries spare no effort in making sure they stay that way.

A recent development was a just witness to that, as Sudan held two days of festivities to honour Kuwait.

It all started when Kuwait's Ambassador to Sudan Abdalla Al Seray sent an invitation to Arab ambassadors here to sponsor a sports tournament for Sudanese clubs and to use its proceeds to back the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories.

**Achieved**

The call was widely accepted and a successful event achieved its sought goals. The tournament was followed by a similar activity at the capital of the central province, Medani, to which ambassador Al Seray was invited and honoured.

The party was highlighted by banding the Kuwaiti envoy the key to the city as a gift to HH the Amir. A city street was named after Kuwait and one of the biggest neighbourhoods was called "Al Jaberia."

**Contributions**

A piece of land was also apportioned for the establishment of the centre of Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah Al Sabah, Kuwait's Crown Prince and Premier.

During the ceremony, Governor of the Central Province Farouq Ismail, in an address, talked of Kuwait's contributions to Sudan, stressing that honour

ing Kuwait comes only to boost co-operation and in no way singles Kuwait out of other Arab states.

The Sudanese papers seconded the success of the honouring ceremony, describing it as a "wonderful and memorable" day. One of these dailies listed a number of projects carried out by Kuwait at the province.

This event, echoed positively in Kuwait, as director of the Foreign Ministry Abdel Hamid Al Bejanan indicated that this tribute is a clear witness to the strong relations between the two countries.

**Umra trips**

THE Ministry of Education is organising two Umra visits to holy places in Saudi Arabia for members of summer clubs, at the expense of HH the Amir.

The first visit, from Aug 10 to 16, is for boys and will be headed by the chairman of Kaitan summer club.

The second visit is for girls and will run from Aug 12 to 18 under the leadership of Fouzia Al Sabu, the chairwoman of the Sulaibikhat summer club.

The members of the two groups were selected from students who were outstanding in the activities of the summer clubs and swimming pools.

They were met by Khaled Al Harban, the head of the school activities department at the Ministry of Education, who thanked HH the Amir of his thoughtful and generous gesture.

### Amir's message for Tunisia

TUNIS, Aug 5 (KUNA): Tunisian President Zain Al Abidine Ben Ali yesterday received a message from His Highness the Amir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad on bilateral education and cultural co-operation.

Kuwaiti ambassador to Tunisia, Abdulla Mohsen Al Jeitaan, who handed over the message to President Ben Ali said that the message comes in reply to one sent to HH the Amir by the Tunisian president.

Tunisian Minister of High Education and Scientific Research Abdel Salam Al Medhi delivered the message to HH the Amir during a recent visit to Kuwait.

## Fifth Marine Week opens

the Gulf road.

Folkloric bands went on singing sea songs and mawwal in the night, surrounded by appreciative crowds.

**Awarded**

The highlight of the event was 32 kilometre swim, Jamal Al Yamani was awarded for his attempt by Sheikh Mubarak Jaber Al Sabah, the Minister of Information, who inaugurated the week.

At the end of the ceremony, Sheikh Jaber Mubarak praised efforts to revive Kuwait's sea heritage and encouraged young Kuwaitis to participate whole-



Participants from the GCC countries at the start of the festival.

### Saddam confers with N. Yemeni President

BAGHDAD, Aug 5, (AP): President Saddam Hussein conferred yesterday with President Ali Abdullah Saleh of North Yemen and Saudi Information Minister Gen. Ali Al Shaer.

Both meetings were believed to be connected with current efforts to arrange a ceasefire in the eight-year-old Iran-Iraq war.

**Message**

The state-run Baghdad Radio said Gen. Al Shaer brought a message to Hussein from King Fahd, without revealing its contents, or the purpose of the Saudi minister's visit.

Al Shaer became the second high ranking Saudi official to visit Baghdad this week. He was preceded by Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal, who attended a meeting of the five-member Arab League special ministerial committee on the Gulf war.

The committee meeting ended with a reaffirmation of support for Iraq in its conflict with Iran.

Efforts by the United Nations Secretary-General, Javier Perez de Cuellar, to get both combatants to accept a Security Council ceasefire call are currently stymied. Iraq insists the cessation of hostilities should follow the opening of direct peace talks, while Iran maintains the opposite.

**Denied**

Iraq has denied press reports claiming that Saudi Arabia is pressing it to agree to a ceasefire before a direct meeting.

Al Shaer who arrived in Baghdad unexpectedly early yesterday was expected to return home later in the day.

President Saleh's arrival in Baghdad on Wednesday for a 24-hour visit had not been expected either.

President Saleh said in a departure statement that North Yemen supported the Iraqi demand for face-to-face talks with Iran.

### Kuwait Fund helping China

THE Kuwaiti Ambassador to China Hassan Al Dabbagh has hailed the Kuwait-Chinese ties as "extremely friendly", and called for greater co-operation.

In an interview with a delegation of the Kuwaiti Journalists Association, the ambassador noted that the Kuwait Fund for Economic Development has played an outstanding role in strengthening links of co-operation between the countries by providing loans for a number of Chinese projects.

The interview was published in local dailies today.

Al Dabbagh pointed out that fund loans to China, totalling K.D. 77 million, contributed to 10 economic projects, including a cement plant, a factory for woo-

### Shaheen meets envoys of Big Five countries

UNDERSECRETARY of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Salim Al Shaheen on Thursday conferred with ambassadors of the permanent members of the Security Council.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman told KUNA that Al Shaheen summoned ambassadors of the five permanent member states of the Security Council and briefed them on the outcome of the Arab seven-man committee meeting.

**Concluded**

The Arab seven-man committee, entrusted with following up developments in the Iraq-Iraq war, concluded its deliberations in Baghdad last Tuesday.

**Who will pay the bill?**

### High cost of policing a Gulf truce

UNITED NATIONS, Aug 5, (Reuter): If the UN obtains a truce between Iran and Iraq — and that's a big — how will the cash-starved organisation meet the high cost of policing it?

The question troubles Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar, who has said he may have to halt operations in October, unless the United Nations can emerge from a sea of red ink.

Officials say that a UN monitoring operation to police a Gulf ceasefire would require hundreds of officers and cost tens of millions of dollars in the first year alone. And Perez de Cuellar has already exhausted a contingency fund that might have supplied seed money to start such a mission.

**Assessments**

In a report at the end of June, he said member states owed the United Nations \$647 million on their regular budget assessments and \$335 million for assessed peacekeeping operations. The voluntary-funded Cyprus peace force was a further \$150 million.

Among the debtors, the United States is the chief culprit, owing more than \$467 million in accumulated arrears on its 25 per cent assessment for the regular budget and another \$70 million

for UN Middle East peacekeeping.

The Soviet Union is also a major UN debtor, with arrears totalling almost \$46 million for the current regular budget and a further \$169 million for UN peacekeeping in the Middle East.

Moscow has promised to pay up, demonstrating its new-found enthusiasm for the United Nations under Mikhail Gorbachev, but those contributions were still outstanding in the secretary-general's latest report.

**Starved**

While many Third World countries that owe money to the United Nations are starved for hard currency and say they cannot pay on time, the cash flow from Washington was reduced to a trickle essentially as a mark of American protest.

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These were a leaner, more efficient UN staff, a bigger say for major contributors in budget-making, and a requirement that the Soviet Union accept long-term UN contracts for its

peacekeeping mission.

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Last week, Walters called Perez de Cuellar "one of the great statesmen of our time."

But just three days before Iran accepted the Security Council's ceasefire resolution 598, Reagan rebuffed a new appeal for help that Perez de Cuellar issued during a White House visit.

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## SUNDAY

6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Heartbreak  
6.30 3-2-1 Contact: a programme on various types of primitive and developed means of communications.  
7.00 Understanding Islam: weekly talk on Muslim philosophy presented by Arafat Al'Asfi  
7.30 Valerie: "The Six" Valerie notices her son acting rather strange after a date  
8.00 News in English  
8.30 The Flying Doctors  
9.30 My Two Dads: "Nicole's First Date" Once again, opinions differ at home and the case of Nicole's first date is referred to the magistrate.  
10.00 Hillary's Adventures: "Deer Recovery"  
10.30 Best Seller: "The Perfect Spy", based on John Le Carre's novel  
11.30 News summary/ Magazine d'Actualite/ Closedown

## MONDAY

6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Gitar  
6.30 The Craft of the Potter: In the final programme in the series, a potter, a gallery-owner and a collector talk about their favourite pots.  
7.00 Roving Report: weekly roundup of world news and regional events.  
7.30 The Duck Factory: "Way We Weren't" The studio's manager bumps into her ex-fiance and pretends she is having an affair with a younger man.  
g.00 News in English  
g.30 Miami Vice: "Walk Alive" Another tale of drug-trafficking at the holiday "paradise".  
9.30 Private Benjamin: "Bye Bye Benjamin" Judy's father — with the full support of the comp leader — tries to convince his daughter to resume civilian life.  
10.00 Hitchcock: "Stolen Heart" Who gets a transplant, the rich guy or the poor girl?  
10.30 The Equalizer  
11.30 News summary/ Magazine d'Actualite/ Closedown

## TUESDAY

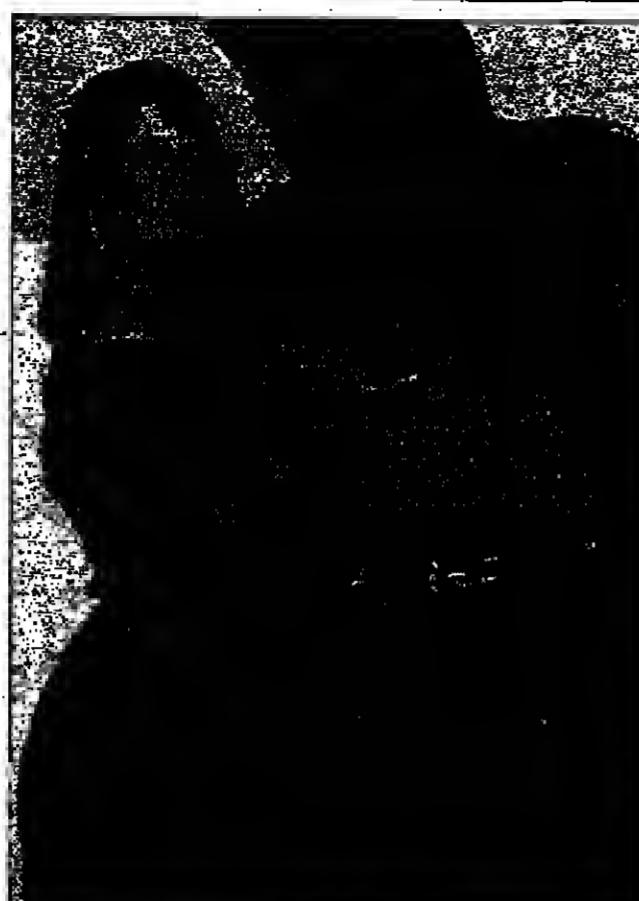
6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Rubik

## This week on KTV 2

6.30 Chocky: Matthew gains celebrity status as the story of the rescue and the role played by his 'guardian angel' makes front page news.  
7.30 Australian Ark: "The Farhest West" A look at life in the desert territories of western Australia.  
8.00 News in English  
8.30 Magnum: Magnum helps his lawyer girlfriend to stop the judge from interfering in her private life.  
9.30 Les Faneuses de Marguerites  
10.00 Perfect Strangers: A man whom Larry helped to put behind bars is released.  
10.30 B/W Feature Film: "Stand-in" starring Leslie Howard and Humphrey Bogart. An expert is called in to help a movie company in financial straits.  
11.30 News summary/ Magazine d'Actualite/ Closedown

## WEDNESDAY

6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Inspector Gadget  
6.30 The Kids of Degrassi Street: Ryan is convinced his schoolmates dislike him and sets out to prove he's an okay kid.  
7.00 Managing the Micro: "Thinking Small"  
7.30 Growing Pains: "The



Linda Hamilton and Ron Perlman star in Beauty and the Beast, on KTV 2, at 8:40 pm on Friday.

Scarlet Letter":  
g.00 News in English  
8.30 O'Hara: O'Hara and his assistant Sbeaver borrow money from a wealthy woman to use as bait for a drug gang.  
9.30 Wildlife On One: The great limestone

caverns of Borneo are inhabited by some very strange birds.  
10.00 Sledge Hammer: "Sledge in Toyland" A toy factory owner and his girlfriend are shot dead and Sledge is put on the case.  
10.30 L.A. Law

KTV 1 weekly highlights

MONDAY  
4.15 1986 World Cup football match Argentina vs. West Germany  
7.50 Arabic feature film: "Al Fanous Al Schri" starring Ismail Yassin, Karman, Abdul Salam Al Nabelsi  
4.15 Arabic feature film: "Tal Al Aqraib" starring Noura, Youmous Shalabi, Salim Qabec  
9.45 Al Hussak: Arabic daily serial starring Samha Ayoub and Saad Ardash

TUESDAY  
12.15 Silver Spoons  
4.15 Arabic play: "Al Yateem" starring Hala Sedqi, Salah Rashwan, Nughem Al Madina

WEDNESDAY  
2.30 Al Ajheha: new Arabic daily serial, starring Fadiya Hattab, Salih Al Hayek, Salma Al Masri  
10.30 Special programme with musician Abdul Fattah Mansi

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

Tareq Rajab Museum  
The museum in Jabriya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timimg are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm Sat thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

## Islamic Arts Museum

The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

## Kuwait Science Museum

The museum will be open to the public every evening from 5 pm and from 9 am on Friday.

## SOCIAL

German-speaking Cultural Association  
The regular coffee mornings for ladies will continue on a small scale during the summer months. Coffee mornings will be held on Sunday, August 7 at Kuwait Hilton's La Patisserie from 10 am on those days. All German-speaking women are welcome.

## Summer Belle 88

The United Goans Centre will hold their annual Summer Belle 88 contest on August 11 at the SAS Hotel's The Tent. The gala event marks the 10th anniversary of UGC. Entertainment includes music by Stepping Stones and City Limits. For further details contact Tony Gonsalves — 2612024 or Joe Fernandes 5655140.

## Y.M.C.A.

The Y.M.C.A. will present the "Come September Ball" at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel on September 1. Highlights include the selection of the Queen of Queens. Top Ranks will be in attendance.

## Bangladesh variety show

Bangladeshi children will present variety performance in mid-September. The date and venue will be announced later. Those interested in taking part, please contact Jayati or Farzana.

## Malayalam debate

A series of debates on Malayalam cinema are being held this month. The topics are: A discussion on the important creations of Malayalam cinema (Aug 12); the different stages of cinema production and its influence on entertainment (Aug 19).

The discussions will be carried out mainly in Malayalam. For information on time and venue, please contact Karun, 4814477.

## Indian Arts Circle

The Indian Arts Circle will stage a programme at 7.30 pm, Aug 18, to mark the end of a year's celebration of the 40th anniversary of India's independence. All Indians are cordially invited.

## Onam Festival

The Viswabharathi Theatres, Abbasia, will celebrate Onam on Aug 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. IAC President M. Mathews will be the chief patron. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakkali, folk dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varabes — 4314511; Thomas Perempilly — 4810496 ext. 20; Verghese Paradyal — 4222973.

## D'Assisi Association

The association will hold a social evening-cum-variety show on August 11 at Messilab Beach Hotel. The event is part of the 40th anniversary of Indian independence. Top Ranks and Next of Kin will be in attendance. For details contact Leena — 2469811, 9.30 am to 5 pm; Henry 3291909 (am) 3717346 (pm) or August on 5746754 after 6 pm.

## HOTELS

At the Meridien  
La Brasserie offers Friday brunch from 12 noon to 4 pm; also open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Beat the summer heat with cool juices offered in the lobby lounge; musical entertainment is provided in the evenings.

## At the Continental

The Darbar offers a daily lunch buffet with a wide range of Indian kebabs and curries. A la carte for dinner.

## At the Holiday Inn

Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers international buffet meals at lunch and dinner from 6 am to 1 pm; a la carte also available. Fresh pastries and cakes can be bought every day at Vietnamese Cafe. The Hanging Babylon Gardens are ideal for a period of quiet relaxation.

On Wednesday, join the Shabazzar barbecue at the poolside; there will be games, prizes and surprises. On Thursday, enjoy music and food at the Arabian Night at the Al Andalus Supper club. Al Dama offers special treat for children at the Friday brunch, open from 11 am to 3 pm.

Recreation facilities include squash and tennis courts, male/female gyms with saunas, solaria, whirlpools, and massage and relaxation rooms. At the Hilton

La Palma has introduced a new 12-day buffet cycle featuring Arab specialties; open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner, from 6.30 am to midnight.

At the Faikala restaurant, select from a wide variety of dishes to make your own table top buffet. The Magnetic Band provides live music in the evenings. Open every day 12.30 pm and 7.30-11.30 pm.

Ice-cream, cold drinks and this week's special-baked cheesecake — are available at La Patisserie. Open daily 10.30 am - 10.45 pm.

At the Kuwait Plaza Hotel

The Al Dallah coffee shop offers buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as a set menu mini business lunch. Light snacks and ice-cream are available at the International Food Arcade; open 10.00 am to 11.00 pm.

Enjoy Turkish cuisine, a la carte, at the Bosphorus restaurant. Open for lunch and dinner every day except Saturday.

The Marco Polo restaurant offers Italian food, live music and a candlelight atmosphere.

There is a Filipino Night every Sunday 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm; live entertainment provided.

## At the Sheraton

Enjoy Italian cuisine and live entertainment by the Sienna's Duo at the Riccardo restaurant. Riccardo is closed on Fridays.

Al Hambra features authentic Lebanese cuisine every Sunday and seafood specialties on Wednesday nights; a sumptuous buffet is offered on Fridays. Live entertainment is provided by the Lords.

The Hunt Room offers a variety of meat and fish preparations and live music by solo harpist Harp Dreams.

Arab world specialities are available every Thursday evening at Le Tarbouche. A buffet lunch and dinner is offered on Fridays.

The Coffee Shop features a wide range of international cuisine and has a daily special.

## At the Ramada

El Bendar Coffee Shop offers continental and Arabic buffets, for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 12 midnight; a la carte also featured.

The take-away counter, opened daily from 4 pm to 11 pm, offers a selection of Arabic sandwiches and snacks.

The Lobby Lounge offers a selection of coffee, tea, juice, cakes and pastries.

## SPORTS

10th Winners Cup cricket tournament

The YMCA will hold the All Kuwait Open 10th Winners Cup cricket tournament, beginning September. It will be played on Fridays and holidays at the KOC ground, Ahmadi. Teams wishing to participate can contact Joe D'Sa, Tel: 3981790, 3-5 pm; 3924659, 5-8 pm.

Boy's Own Club

Boy's Own Club will organise a seven-a-side one-day football festival on the holiday declared to mark the Prophet's birthday (October 22/23). Interested teams can contact Milagres 3967446 or Joe D'Souza 4813622.

## PBAK bowling tournament

The PBAK inter-commercial bowling tournament will be held in the second week of August. All companies wishing to take part are requested to register on or before August 7 at the 300 Club. For details contact PBAK director Sarah Macarimbang 4843447.

Kuwait Nomads

Kuwait Nomads' pre-season training starts Sunday August 7 at 7.30 pm. All are welcome. For details contact 5642599.

11.30 News Summary/ Magazine d'Actualite/ Closedown

## THURSDAY

6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Bionic Six  
6.30 Sesame Street: tutorial, educational and recreational programme for children...

7.30 Full House: "Our Very First Night" Uncle Jesse and Joey babysit while Danny is out on night duty.

8.00 News in English  
8.30 High Mountain Rangers: "War Games" Larry, his brother Jack join a group of men in war games on the mountainside. One of the men is killed and the Rangers team have to find the murderer.

9.30 I Married Dora: "Happy, Happy Birthday" Birthday celebrations for Dora are disrupted by a letter from the Immigration Department.

10.00 The Hit Squad: practical jokes, intrigues, laughs, fun and sneaky hits captured through the hidden camera.

10.30 News Summary/ Magazine d'Actualite/ Closedown

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

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9.30 Space Adventure: cartoon serial

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12.15 Weekly Arabic programme on the kitchen

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6.00 The Junior Artists: local weekly

6.30 Official announcements and information

7.00 Noor Al Islam: prepared and presented by Ahmad Abdul Qadir

7.30 Nazrat Al Al Salam

7.50 Humat Al Watan

9.00 News in Arabic

9.45 Al Hussan: Arabic daily serial starring Samha Ayoub and Saad Ardash

10.45 Liqa Mutakher: Arabic weekly serial starring Mahmoud Yaseen, Bousi and

## KTV 2

9.00 Holy Quran

9.15 Good Morning

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# ARAB TIMES

## Thought for today

Leave discontent alone, and she will shut her mouth and let you sing — James Whitcomb Riley, US poet (1849-1916).

## Bhopal gas victims live in misery

By Rajendra Bajpai

NEW DELHI. (Reuter): For thousands of people, the vast Union Carbide pesticide plant in Bhopal is the symbol of death and a source of lifelong misery.

"When I see the factory I feel like blowing it up. If I get a bomb, you would not see this factory tomorrow morning," Mohammad Yunus, a jobless 19-year-old who lives near from the now-closed plant, told a recent visitor from New Delhi.

He is a survivor of Dec 3, 1984, accident, when poisonous methyl isocyanate gas leaked from the plant owned by the Indian subsidiary of the Connecticut-based Union Carbide Corporation. It formed poisonous, yellow clouds that claimed 3,000 lives.

In less than 24 hours, Bhopal, virtually unknown outside India, gained the dubious distinction of being the site of the world's worst industrial accident.

### Perished

Yunus's 30-year-old brother Mohammad Shakib, sister-in-law and their two-month-old child perished. The family now waits, like tens of thousands of others, for Union Carbide to pay compensation.

Tears welled up in the eyes of Kubra Bi, Shakib's mother who now brings up three surviving grandchildren. The Indian government paid her Rs 30,000 rupees (\$2,000) in compensation for three deaths in the family.

Nothing has come from Union Carbide, now locked in a bitter and lengthy court battle over compensation with New Delhi, which is claiming \$3.3 billion on behalf of more than 525,000 victims.

Kubra Bi recalled the night of horror when she suddenly woke up as acrid smoke disturbed her sleep.

"I remember Shakib had been to the mosque that day and we had chatted long into the night. He woke up, took out his scooter and ferried the family to a mosque. He made several trips," she said.

### Died

"The next day was Sunday and our two-month-old grandchild died. On Tuesday my son died and on Wednesday my daughter-in-law. They were all hurried together."

Nathu Ram Gupta, a 40-year-old machineman, woke up that night coughing and felt his eyes burning. He fled, shouting at his gas.

## Thatcherism runs into opposition

By Marcus Eliason

LONDON. (AP): As novelist John Mortimer would reflect, the way some people reacted, "we might have been plotting to pinch the crown jewels" by gathering to grieve about Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's policies.

All the author of "Paradise Postponed" and the "Rumole" series did was attend a soiree in June at the home of Lady Antonia Fraser, the historian. The liberal literary set assembled there for a discussion of how to counter Thatcher's plans to bury British socialism.

The reactions of some right-wing commentators illustrate the bilious tenor of political debate in this 10th year of the Thatcher revolution.

Intellectuals have never enjoyed the esteem in Britain that their peers are accorded in France and Germany.

"British intellectuals tend to disgust themselves," said Patrick Baston, provost of King's College, Cambridge.

In this case, having poked their heads above ground at the Fraser Dinner, they have come in for attacks ranging from the snide through the derisive to the downright belligerent.

### Politics

Common themes are these: Writers know nothing of politics. They have become richer in the Thatcher years, they are "champagne socialists" out of touch with the masses they claim to defend, and other regimes would put them in jail.

The Sunday Telegraph headlined "The betrayal of the intellectuals" and its editor, Peregrine Worsthorne, got even

family to run. His nine-year-old daughter went with him as he began running.

"I thought my family was following me but apparently they had stayed back. After walking about five or six kilometres (about three miles) my daughter said 'Papa, I want water.' Moments later she collapsed and died. I passed out after that," Gupta said.

He regained consciousness in hospital. He never found his daughter's body. At home his small son had died too.

Gupta is suffering from severe respiratory problems and has lost his job because of impaired vision. He now works as a watchman and says he spends more than half his Rs 300 rupee (\$22) monthly wage on medicines.

### Claim

He filled up claim forms when American lawyers came in droves to Bhopal promising to fight for the victims. But no money had come Gupta's way so far apart from the Rs 10,000 (\$700) the government paid for each death.

Gupta has no idea if the lawyers have made a claim for him. "I have no idea how much to claim but I think it should be at least a lakh (Rs 100,000) (\$7,000)" he added.

Porter Ramesh Pal, 32, thought himself luckier than others because none of his family members died immediately.

In 1985, his four-year-old son died. Earlier this year, his nine-year-old son also died.

"My younger son had serious breathing problems and used to fall sick frequently. Doctors were treating him but he died in 1985. A few months ago my elder son complained of pain in the ribs and died before we could take him to hospital," Pal said.

"I have claimed Rs 50,000 but I have received only Rs 10,000 so far for the death of the younger son," he said.

Officials say the after-effects of the gas poisoning are still taking their toll. About 1,700 people were killed within hours of the leakage. The toll now stands at 2,998.

A government report on the effects of the gas says impaired lung functioning, muscular fatigue and a variety of behavioural disturbances are evident among the survivors.

"Years of further study and observation will be needed to unravel the full dimension of the effects of human exposure to the gas at Bhopal," it says.

## World of UN diplomacy

### Today's European businessmen are a different lot

## Economic integration programme irreversible

By John Yemma

PARIS: Italian financier Carlo De Benedetti cuts business deals right and left, speaks at least five languages, and aims to build world-class European corporate empire out of bits and pieces of Italy, France, and Belgium.

Lord Francis Cockfield, vice-president of the Commission of the European Economic Community, recently met De Benedetti and describes him as "a man of the future." An associate calls De Benedetti "a man in a hurry."

He certainly is not a typical European. He is as brash as any American corporate raider, constantly huying and selling and jetting from capital to capital. He controls Olivetti, the Italian office-machine giant; Yves Saint Laurent, the Paris-based fashion house; and Valeo, a major French auto-equipment company. He owns a stake in London-based Pearson, which publishes the Financial Times, the Economist, and Penguin books. He has companies in Spain, Switzerland, Luxembourg, and elsewhere.

### Hostile

What really made big headlines in Europe this spring, however, was a hostile bid for Societe Generale de Belgique, a Belgian conglomerate that dominates the economy of that small nation. Recently, after a five-month fight, De Benedetti settled for a minority interest in Generale, a stake in Suez, the giant French financial group — and a \$1 billion profit.

De Benedetti is a symbol of the upheaval in European business today. He is also part of the cause. Robert de Bruin, a key aide with De Benedetti's Paris-based Ceres holding company, says his boss "works as if 1992 exists already ... De Benedetti pushes change, he doesn't like establishment."

That is very unlike European businessmen of old, who had cozy, protected markets, who enjoyed fixing prices and allocating market share over a five-course lunch at a nice restaurant. They abhorred fighting it out at shareholder meetings and on the financial pages. But De Benedetti is different. "He says if he is really a European there is no reason, for instance, not to meddle in French politics," De Bruin notes. "We are all part of the same country."

Government might have set the ball in motion, but business men such as De Benedetti, Edzard Reuter of Daimler-Benz,

the London-based Saatchi brothers, and French publisher Jean-Luc Lagardere — who controls Hachette and the arms giant Matra — are just a few of the captains of European industry now competing on a global scale, piecing together European-sized empires out of bits and pieces of Italy, France, and Belgium.

The aim, De Benedetti has said, is for European companies that "are Italian in Italy, Finnish in Finland, and European in Europe." With all the intra-European deals that he and others are doing today, economists, politicians, and business men say the 1992 programme of economic integration is already irreversible.

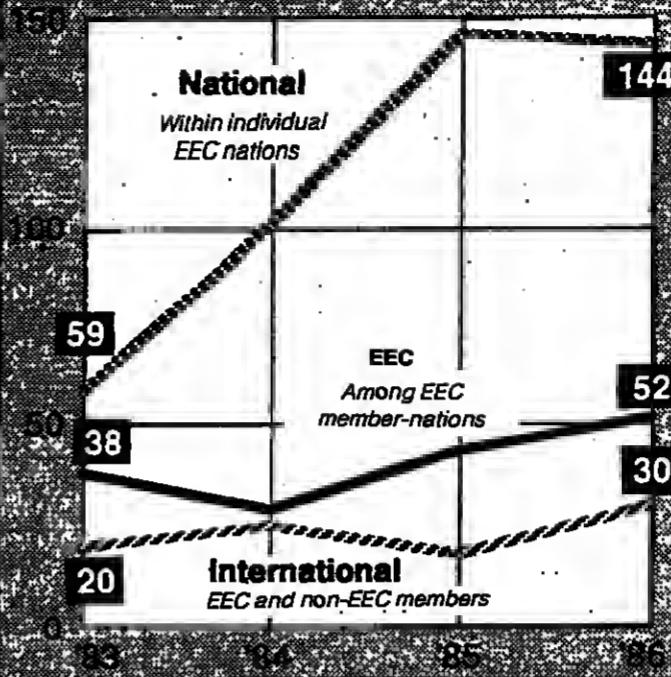
For business, the single market is most welcome. For Philips, the Netherlands-based electronics giant, the single market offers the welcome prospect of making one kind of television set, rather than seven. For truckers, it means shorter lines at borders and less paperwork. For professionals such as doctors, the ability to practise in London, Bonn, or wherever.

It means an end to German beer-purity regulations, Italian pasta protection laws, Belgian chocolate content restrictions, Greek ice cream specifications — all of which bar outside competition.

The EEC estimates there are more than 100,000 technical regulations and standards. And

### Building the Euro-community

#### Number of mergers and acquisitions in the European Economic Community



too often, an EEC report says, "technical barriers are greatest in high-tech sectors, where market

fragmentation in Europe is a major competitive disadvantage vis-a-vis producers in the United

## Breaking the language barrier

By John Yemma

BRUSSELS: Economist Michael Emerson of the European Economic Community (EEC) recently asked an audience of 350 British businessmen if they were bilingual.

The vast majority were, he says, and even when polled about a third or fourth language, an impressive number of hands were raised. "And these were British!" he notes with amusement, a nation not known for its facility with languages other than English.

No official language surveys have been carried out by the 12-nation European Economic Community. In general, throughout Europe the Germans are considered the most multilingual, followed by the Dutch. The British rank fairly low. The French are almost always in last place.

"We know all our European competitors are madly learning

English," says Amanda Feeney, head of the European commercial department in the Confederation of British Industry. "We can't emphasize languages enough."

John Mayes of the British Department of Trade and Industry says the government is encouraging businesses to learn a second language. But language training is an individual thing, he adds. "I know we use the term quite a lot, but 'mark forces' may eventually dictate it as a necessity."

### Disagree

So might technology. Janine Monniot at the multinational Airbus consortium in Toulouse, France, sees technology as the route to a common European language. A French engineer and a British engineer might disagree on design points, but the technological reasons that an airplane can fly are arguably the same, she says.

It's difficult, however, to tran-

slate that into everyday life. Modern hieroglyphics can help.

"Instead of writing everything in English," says George Hall, manager of external relations for British computermaker STC, "you use icons" — little symbols representing computer programme functions. The European market also caused STC to change the colour of its start button from red (British) to green (European). And in recruiting new talent for STC, Hall says emphasis is now being placed less on technological capabilities and more on marketing and language skills, the better to penetrate the European market.

In Paris, Philippe Combin of the French Employers' Association (the Patronat) points out that monoglots and chauvinists about the French language are rare in internationally oriented French companies. Like Great Britain, however, language

training in preparation for 1992 is promoted but not forced in France.

In Brussels, translation is a huge part of the European Economic Community's work. There are nine official EEC languages: Ella Krucoff of the EEC office in Washington, DC, notes that these cannot be reduced, because the EEC's business is drafting and executing laws. These must be in native European languages if they are to be understood and obeyed, she notes.

Over the long run, most observers agree, English is becoming the language of European commerce. This has to do with globalization. North America and East Asia are the European Economic Community's business partner and competitor. English reigns in North America. And when Europeans and Asians do business they most often find English the common tongue.

## Distrust attached to Marcos' name

By David W. Jones

against him in both Manila and Washington.

One explanation put forward by presidential adviser Catalino Macaraig, who confirmed the offer Thursday, is that the government doubts Marcos really has the money and thinks he is simply trying to duck an imminent indictment in the United States on charges of fraud and conspiracy involving his ownership of several Manhattan buildings.

### Repay

The University of California professor who first disclosed the offer says the government has decided that if he is willing to repay \$5 billion — a figure denied by Marcos — he must have taken many times that and officials want to hold out for more.

Yet others believe the administration found it morally repugnant to "sell" an amnesty to Marcos.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1600 — France's King Henry IV invades Duchy of Savoy in Italy.
- 1661 — Portuguese and Dutch sign treaty whereby Portuguese retain Brazil and Dutch keep Ceylon.
- 1726 — Holy Roman Empire and Russia conclude military alliance against Turkey.
- 1806 — Holy Roman Empire ends as Francis II formally resigns the imperial dignity and becomes Francis I, emperor of Austria.
- 1824 — Simon Bolivar defeats Spanish forces at Junin in Peru.
- 1828 — Mehemet Ali, ruler of Egypt, agrees to British demands to quit Greece.
- 1840 — Louis Napoleon attempts uprising at Boulogne in France but it fails and he subsequently is sentenced to life imprisonment.
- 1844 — French under Duc de Joinville begin hostilities against Morocco.
- 1849 — Peace of Milan ends war between Sardinia and Austria.
- 1914 — Serbia and Montenegro declare war on Germany.
- 1945 — US plane drops atomic bomb on Hiroshima in Japan near end of World War II.
- 1962 — China agrees to meet India to discuss border disputes.
- 1973 — Mistaken attack by US bombers on Cambodian town of Neak Long kills and wounds hundreds.
- 1977 — Bomb explodes in Salisbury, Rhodesia, store, killing 11 people in what is described as worst act of urban terrorism in five years of guerrilla warfare.
- 1987 — US Secretary of State George P. Shultz says United States must guard against possible Iranian terrorism.

# Fleetwood Mac: a new lease of life

Nothing succeeds in rock music like longevity and after 21 years, Fleetwood Mac are still making waves with the addition of two new guitarists.

By Mark Cooper

**FLEETWOOD MAC** are the group that refused to lie down and die so many times that even its longest serving members must sometimes feel like ghosts.

The light untroubled bounce of the band's simple pop ditties belies a history that Michael Jackson's penchant for cosmetic surgery amount to little more than a check-up at the dentist.

Yet Fleetwood Mac have always rolled with the punches, pausing only to inject new blood when another body falls by the wayside.

Nothing succeeds in rock like longevity and the tragicomic litany of mental collapse, marital and romantic trauma and drink and drug abuse has only embellished the myth.

After 21 years, Fleetwood Mac behaves like a seasoned vampire who knows he need only feed at regular intervals to live forever.

No matter that Lindsay Buckingham, chief architect of the Mac sound since 1975, left last year rather than undergo another world tour.

*Tango In The Night*: the last album he produced for the group, looks set to sell over two million copies in Britain alone and is already into its sixth single 13 months after its release.

Meanwhile Fleetwood Mac have been touring the States since last autumn, fleshed out with the addition of two new guitarists, Rick Vito and Billy Burnette, who push the band back towards the hard-edged blues-rock drive of its earliest successes, albeit with more than a dash of stadium boogie.

Vito's style recalls that of Peter Green, the guitarist responsible for their 60s successes, who abandoned the group in 1969, overcome by "guilt" and LSD.

Christine McVie remains the eternal Rock of Gibraltar of the group, which was beset by the booze problems of Stevie Nicks and John McVie, her own stormy love affair with Beach Boy Dennis Wilson who later drowned.

## Rumours

"It has been a bit of a soap opera and I don't mind people calling it that because it's the truth," she explains.

"Odd things happen to this band all the time. When you're right in the middle, you become philosophical. The new members have given the band a new lease of life and we've got some momentum going again. We don't plan on waiting five years between albums this time."

McVie appears to regard Buckingham's departure as a weight off the band's shoulders.

Despite suggestions that he has been the creative driving



Fleetwood Mac: momentum going again

force behind the band for the last 12 years, McVie regards the rhythm section as the core of the group.

"Throughout our career we've had so many diverse front line-ups. Anything goes in this band; we've never rested on one style but everything the group plays comes out sounding like Fleetwood Mac

because of the way that Mick and John play. There's simplicity and underlying quality to everything they do."

Meanwhile the usual rumours surrounded the group, marriages came and went, solo careers were launched and sometimes prospered.

John McVie and Stevie Nicks struggled with their

dependencies, Mick Fleetwood went bankrupt, Christine McVie has watched her band mates commit every publicised error available to the members of rock's aristocracy and now all she wants to do is to get her head down and write more songs.

Christine is glad to have the new guitarists on board because she believes that Fleetwood Mac is a band of contrasts and is pleased to be able to pay homage to Peter Green's legacy once again.

"When you have a two and a half hour show, you can afford to pay tribute to one of the finest guitar players in the world and one of the finest songwriters this band has had. It was Peter that formed the band.

McVie's gift is to make light of troubled waters. The current Fleetwood Mac show too often suggests desperate individuals running through solo turns and rumours that each band member has his or her own manager hardly indicates that Fleetwood Mac remain a tight ship.

Yet if the guitar heroics now seem purely American the English core of Fleetwood Mac has grown more skilful until McVie's songs and that effortless rhythm section sound like the carefree work of an hour instead of the fruits of 21 years on the job.

"Ah well," laughs Christine McVie, "the simplest things are always the hardest to write."

## It's hip to twist again!

By Linda Duff

**THE** establishment hated it. Mothers Superior loathed it. Yet it was the dance that set the Sixties spinning.

Now it is back — and all thanks to roly-poly Chubby Checker and trendy rap trio The Fat Boys.

It's hip to twist again. Even if the dance is now a ripe 28-year-old, and old-timer Chubby is nearly 50.

Naturally, the uniform is different. Gone are the Sixties-style twirls, the pearls and the sling-back patent leather high-heels.

Today the in gear is long-legged, Day-Glo shorts, brightly patterned tops, fake chunky jewellery and — most importantly — a baseball cap.

No Eighties hep-cat would be without one.

Millions of TV viewers watching the recent Wembley Stadium Nelson Mandela concert saw 80,000 odd pop fans break into vigorous, hum-wriggling antics as Chubby and The Fat Boys launched into a storming version of his 1960 hit *The Twist*.

That was the signal for the nation to twist again; it did all those summers ago.

Some prefer to call it a touch dance, because you can get away with touching your partner.

"It's exhausting, it's exhilarating, it's exciting. And it's sexy," says dance instructor James Cronin.

You can hold hands with your partner, rub backs and shoudlers together.

"It's a social dance, marvellous fun — and miles better than boring disco."

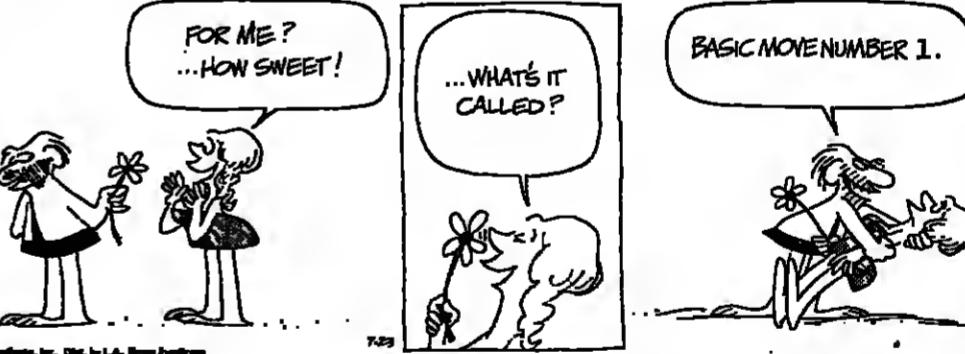
## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



By Johnny Hart

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## YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

This is going to be an eventful day and you must conserve your energies. Venus' more favourable influence will help you to deal with a personal problem. You should watch out for mistakes and not only your own. Be alert.

Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You should try to adapt yourself to something that cannot be changed. Seek to be a little more calm and collected. You should pay more attention to your personal appearance. Be prompt.

Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

The Moon's more favourable influence will help you to stay on good terms with your friends. You will be able to consolidate something you have already done. You should not however seek to rest on your laurels. Be dependable.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You should not hesitate to show your gratitude. You have every reason to have more faith in yourself. Make sure you take regular gentle exercise. Be hopeful.

Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You will be able to do something to bring about a personal ambition. Do not just think of what is happening here and now. Be responsive.

Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

There will be some tension but you will be able to deal with it. Do all you can to avoid making a nuisance of yourself. You should conserve your energies and spend a little more time pursuing your cultural interests. Be generous.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

You should be a little more patient and your patience will be well rewarded. The prospects are good only you must not do anything rash. You should listen to what others are saying and restrain your own voice. Be fair.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

You will be able to spend too much on trying to keep up with the 'Joneses'. You should await certain developments before deciding what to do yourself. This is not the time to do anything very much out of the ordinary. Be moderate.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You will tend to blow a small problem up out of all proportion. Your independence of spirit will win the day. You should make sure you do not betray a confidence whatever the circumstances. Be resilient.



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

You will be able to do something you have been putting to one side. Make sure you do not do anything that would upset any member of your family. You will be able to establish what is the right thing to do in the circumstances.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

You will be able to put a good idea into practice. You should use bit more tact and restraint when dealing with a rather awkward acquaintance. Make sure you do not try to resist an inevitable change. Be considerate.

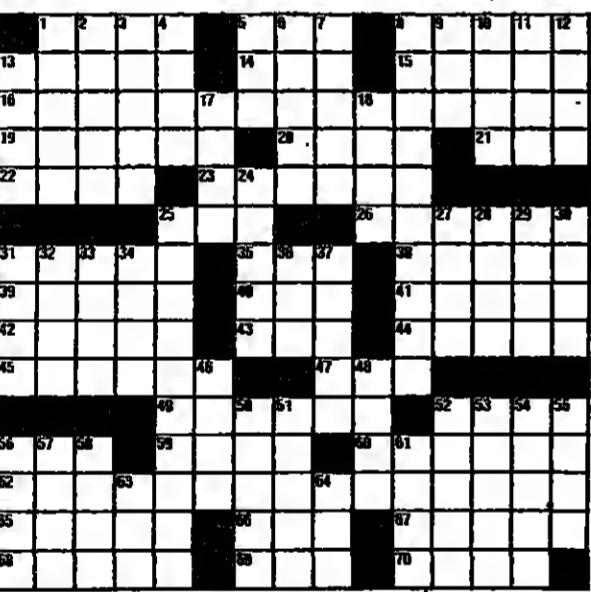
Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You should not become too impatient nor should you try to have it all your own way. You are a little too liable not to see the wood for the trees. You would be wrong to trust too much to luck just now. Be aware.



"Don't worry if this credit card is reported stolen. It's only my husband."

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



**ACROSS**  
1 Cast off  
5 Leatherworking  
8 Established principle  
13 Attest  
14 By way of  
15 Bay window  
16 Bill Watterson's comic duo  
19 One-celled protozoa  
20 Auel's "Tha — of the Cava Bear"  
21 DDE's command  
22 Small amounts  
23 Globe  
25 Pitch  
26 Get away  
31 Scroll of the Pentateuch  
35 — Jim  
38 Fleeced  
39 Yucca relative  
40 — Headroom  
41 Exploring  
42 Letter  
embellishment  
43 Greek letter  
44 Prepared  
45 Vacillate  
47 "Life with Father" author  
49 Hired  
52 Bewitched  
56 Visitors from space, for short  
59 Porico, in ancient Greece  
60 Part of an orbit  
62 Hank Ketcham's comic hero  
65 Ancient Celtic priest  
66 Dawn goddess  
67 Good-bye, along the Rio Grande

**Down**  
1 Grande  
68 Viewpoint  
69 Sheriff's asst.  
70 Darling of the Mots et al.  
71 Pundit  
72 Spartan serif  
73 Root  
74 Small amount  
5 Gardnar of note  
6 Hauling device  
7 Dip  
8 Trudeau's strip  
9 Celestial sphaera  
10 Taunt  
11 Track event  
12 — Sprach Zarathustra"  
13 Healing sign  
17 Space org.  
18 Go in haste  
24 Gussy up  
25 Gary Larson's weird word  
27 Work for Perry Mason  
28 Opera highlight  
29 Remain undecided  
30 Impatient  
31 Soviet news agency  
32 Certain curve  
33 Distinctive  
34 Bird, to Brutus  
35 Sav, in reverse  
37 Nitrous — (laughing gas)  
46 Saturates  
48 Economist Smith  
50 Eminent  
51 California-Nevada lake  
52 Musical composition  
53 Once more  
54 — National Monument, near Santa Fe  
55 River in N. England  
56 Icelandic literary work  
57 Sea swallow  
58 Close-fitting  
61 Pricky —  
63 Zero  
64 6th sense, perhaps

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**  
MARC ACTS DRAFT  
OLEO SHEA ROMEO  
MANN LASS ABSEY  
NECK OFF THE WOODOS  
DELETE LONESTAR  
ALATE FOCI HIE  
TAKE ONUS INSET  
ETE DESSERTS BLEEDS  
IOA TECH  
BABE IN THE WOODOS  
ABORT IONA READ  
GENRE DEER SAGE  
STEAD ESTE ELAN

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

YOU'RE THE JUDGE

Both vulnerable. West deals.

**NORTH**

♦ 9 8 5 4

♥ A K 7 4

♦ K 3

♣ Q J 3

**WEST**

♦ K 2

♥ 8 3

♦ Q 9 8 5 4

♣ J 10 2

♦ A 10 6 4

♣ K 9 5 2

**SOUTH**

♦ A 6 3

♥ Q J 10 9 5

♦ A 7 6

♣ 8 7

The bidding:

West North East South

Pass 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠

Pass 2 ♠ Pass 4 ♠

Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Five of ♠

Follow the play on this hand from the recent Spring North American Championships in Buffalo. Then decide for yourself whether anyone committed an error or whether everything proceeded normally.

Once his suit was raised, South's hand was borderline for a jump to game. A trial bid in one of the point-

ed suits might have been a wiser approach, and the final contract would have hinged on whether South chose two spades or three diamonds as the game try.

Against four hearts, West led his fourth-best diamond. Declarer won in dummy and drew trumps in two rounds with the ace and queen, then led a club. West played low and East captured the jack with the king. He shifted to the queen of spades, ducked by declarer who won the spade continuation to lead a second club. West rose with the ace but, since he was out of spades, the contract could not be defeated. What's your verdict?

It's not easy to spot, but West could have beaten the hand. To do so, he had to fly in the face of the old adage: "Second hand low." On the first club lead, West must go up with the ace and shift to the king of spades. Declarer has no counter. No matter how he twists and turns, sooner or later East will gain the lead with either the king of clubs or a spade, and the defenders can collect a total of four tricks in the black suits for a one-trick set.

You should try to adapt yourself to something that cannot be changed. Seek to be a little more calm and collected. You should pay more attention to your personal appearance. Be prompt.

You should try to think on good terms with your friends. You will be able to consolidate something you have already done. You should not however seek to rest on your laurels. Be dependable.

**NEW YORK (AP)** Steve Winwood hopped to the top of the single pop record charts in the United States on Wednesday with his new hit *Roll With It*. The disc was in second place a week ago.

Def Leppard's *Pour Some Sugar On Me* dipped from number one into second position on the Cash Box magazine chart, while *Breathe's Hands To Heaven* moved up to

A new novel from the Colombian Nobel prize-winner

## Expanding life's possibilities

By Merle Rubin

THE Colombian-born writer Gabriel García Márquez won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1982, 15 years after the extraordinary fireworks display of his stunning novel "One Hundred Years of Solitude." In all the years before and after the prize, he continued to write fiction that sputtered and smoldered with a fitful brilliance: strongly written, but thematically disappointing work that never quite matched the already fulfilled promise of his early masterpiece of Magic Realism.

There are no fantastic happenings in "Love in the Time of Cholera." But a man called Florentino Ariza does love a woman named Fermina Daza unrequitedly for more than 50 years, waiting until she is widowed to declare himself, when he is 76 and she 72.

Florentino first sets eyes on Fermina when she is still a schoolgirl. An aspiring poet throughout his life he will continue to enter poetry competitions, never winning; he woos her in the courtliest fashion: with letters, serenades, verses inscribed on the petals of flowers. Fermina responds, more coolly and guardedly, but when her coarse, ambitious father tries to end the romance, she and Florentino circumvent his plans. Love seems just about to triumph when all of a sudden, Fermina has a kind of negative epiphany in which she realises that this great love was merely an illusion.

Later, this time to her father's delight, she is wooed by the town's most distinguished citizen, Dr Juvenal Urbino: handsome, aristocratic, a pious Roman Catholic, a patron of the arts, and a respected physician whose single-handed



García Márquez: profoundly imaginative

fight to improve sanitary conditions helps wipe out the dreaded cholera epidemics that have been ravaging the country.

Observing the symptoms her son exhibits at the onset of his infatuation, Florentino's mother concludes that "the symptoms of love are the same as those of cholera."

But the feverish love that swings from elation to frustration is only one of the many forms of love that take shape in this richly variegated novel, which follows the lives of its three main characters from the last decades of the 19th century to the first decades of the 20th, from the coastal Caribbean town where they live, across the ocean to Europe, along rough mountain roads to Andean villages, and along the Magdalena River route travelled by boats of the company in which Florentino eventually makes

his fortune.

There are the many physical loves that Florentino will experience secretly as a bachelor, no longer a virgin, but still, in his own mind, "saving" himself for Fermina. There is also the love he has for a clever, black former prostitute, whom he gets a job at the riverboat company and who helps him transform it into a thriving concern. She is his "true woman," whom he always loves but never sleeps with.

### Strained

And there is the deepening, sometimes strained, but ultimately solid conjugal love that grows between Fermina and her husband, Juvenal Urbino. They do not fall in love; they "invent" it. By looking for it, they find it. If love can be an illusion, like a dream — involuntary, irrational, fleeting

— so too can it be a deliberately crafted and sustained illusion, like a work of art — complex, enduring a rational invocation of something greater than rationality.

When Florentino once more sets about wooing Fermina, 50 years later, he takes a fresh tack. Instead of the passionate, handwritten love letters of his youth, he sends mature, meditative, typewritten philosophical disquisitions of life and love. At last Fermina is convinced: This love is no illusion. And what does she say to him, this septuagenarian widow? "Let time pass and we will see what it brings." What it brings is the fruition of a love that has unfolded over half a century.

As Fermina and Florentino set sail along the Magdalena River in a boat called the New Fidelity, their late love blossoms amid a landscape made desolate by time and exploitation: The river's once-forested shores have been decimated, the water has receded, the riparian wildlife has dwindled or disappeared. Yet amid the ruins of nature, they find happiness. Time has proved both enemy and friend. This is a novel about people who choose hope over despair, self-knowledge over self-dramatization, in the belief that love can transform age and time.

"Love in the Time of Cholera" is a boldly romantic, profoundly imaginative, fully imagined work of fiction that expands our sense of life's infinite possibilities.

**LOVE in the Time of Cholera.** by Gabriel García Márquez. Translated from the Spanish by Edith Grossman. New York: Alfred A. Knopf. 352 pp. \$18.95.

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Patricia Neal: binding the fragments of her life with love

## Shifting from crisis to crisis

By Justine Picardie

MANY autobiographies smooth out a jumble of memories into a seamless, smoothly running narrative but *As I Am*, the actress Patricia Neal allows her memory to guide the story of its own violation.

The book opens with a startling series of seemingly unrelated leaps through the major events in her life: becoming pregnant with her son, Theo, in 1959 on the night of the Broadway opening of *The Miracle Worker*, in which she played Helen Keller's mother, Theo's tragic accident as a baby; the ending of her marriage after 30 years in 1983; then back in time to 1962 and the death of her first child Olivia at the age of seven, and forward again five years, to the death of her mother-in-law. It is only by naming her mother-in-law that the ignorant reader can guess that Neal's husband was the writer Roald Dahl.

### Skips

Neal's memory then skips back to 1965, to the near-fatal strokes she suffered, and quickly moves forward 13 years to a meeting with a beautiful young woman named Maria, the daughter of the film star Gary Cooper, the man who was once the great love of Neal's life. It is Maria, we learn, who introduced Patricia Neal to a Benedictine nunnery. "And it was the nuns who encouraged me to begin to sort out my past, step by step, skipping nothing ... to piece together the fragments of my life."

These fragments are sometimes confusing, especially the endless fleeting references to minor characters in the story. These are full of resonance for the author, but mean very little to the reader. As Neal admits in the epilogue, "I drove my editors crazy with names, names, names of those to whom I will always be beholden."

Yet other fragments are fascinating, stark dinners at the Savoy with Ronald Reagan in 1948, when Neal made a film with the amiable young actor who even then wished more than anything else to be president of the United States. A meeting with Eva Peron, described as "a charming horror" and many more memories, taking in a cast of characters that ranges from Lillian Hellman to the young Paul Newman.

What is most moving about this patchwork is the fact that not only was it painstakingly constructed by a woman who had completely lost her memory after three strokes, but that along with all the suffering and bitterness which seeps through the story, in the end she binds her fragments together with love.

For, as Neal writes, what lay at the heart of the journey through her past was the "bope that in remembering, I can at last know that there is a sense to all of this ... Remembering was laborious. Remembering was bumbling. It was painful beyond all words, and then, finally, remembering was purifying, and it began to give me peace."

As I Am  
by Patricia Neal  
Hutchinson £12.95 pp 277

## ANDY CAPP



By Smith

## Imran Khan reveals all

## Sporting view from the pavilion

By Amit Roy

WHEN Imran Khan left his native Lahore for a tour of England in 1971 with the Pakistani cricket team, his worried mother advised her son, then only 19: "Don't bring back a foreign wife."

Khan, now 36, is captain of Pakistan, its greatest sporting hero, one of cricket's great all-rounders, and the subject of countless gushing profiles in Britain's tabloid press.

The "world's most beautiful man", as a drooling headline dubbed him, reveals in this autobiography how he nearly forgot his mother's wishes.

He had reconciled himself, like three other Oxbridge-educated cousins, to an arranged marriage back in Pakistan. But he became involved with an English girl and even began to contemplate marriage to her. But the modern cricketer's punishing touring schedules plus cultural conflicts conspired to end their relationship.

### Feted

He has been feted throughout the cricketing world, not least by Britain's 250,000 Pakistanis. He feels sorry for the culturally rootless British-born Pakistanis, rejected by white Britons, but also alien to the land of their parents.

He considers it is wrong that western-educated Pakistani girls in Britain should be locked into unhappy marriages with men imported from villages in Pakistan.

Years in England — the Royal Grammar School, Worcester, Kable College, Oxford and much county cricket, for Worcester and then Sussex — have wrought profound changes in the man. He is no longer sure "how, when or whom" he



Imran Khan: one of cricket's great all-rounders and the subject of countless gushing profiles in Britain's tabloid press

will marry.

These simply written but engaging memoirs are refreshingly different from those of other cricketers (notably the former England skipper, Mike Gatting, who comes across as a bit of a whinger in his own book, *Leading from the Front*), who forever blame other people for their own lapses. Khan is much warmer in his appreciation of his rivals.

### Debt

He comes across as both courageous and scrupulously fair. He declares, for example, that unlike his parents' generation he is not anti-Indian. He is concerned that politically Pakistan "seems to be drifting towards fragmentation."

He acknowledges his deep debt to English county cricket, the most professional in the world, but also remarks on the racist tendencies of some "old

pros." The West Indian, Vivian Richards, told Imran Khan that he was always particularly severe with Bob Willis because the English fast bowler had once called him a "black bastard" after getting him out.

Now that his cricketing days are nearly over, where does Khan go from here? There are a few clues in the book. When his mother was dying of cancer in Pakistan, he found he could afford to buy the prescribed drugs but another less well-placed countryman could not.

This pained and angered him. Like Ian Botham whom he eulogises as "the hardest hitter of the ball in world cricket", Khan has been busy raising money for medical charities. Perhaps the best of Imran is yet to come.

All Round View  
by Imran Khan  
Chatto £12.95 pp 210.

## Portraying a range of human foibles

By Linda Taylor

JOSEPHINE HUMPHREYS, in her study of South Carolina's loveliness, refreshingly bypasses the heroic or tragic "ceminist" modes. If she has a model, it might be a Shakespearean one, where the resolution of love is the subject for comedy.

*Rich in Love*, Humphreys' second novel nonetheless has the equipment for tragedy. A life in a solidly happy marriage leaves home because her life, particularly once her husband retires, has become too permanent. "Nothing was ever new."

Her husband, Pop, who has devoted his life (ironically, as a demolition expert) to making his family secure, scours the countryside for her and sits on the roof of his house thinking about what might have gone wrong.

One daughter, Rae, returns to him, "tricked" into marriage by pregnancy, and declines into melancholic lethargy because of her impending loss of freedom. The other daughter, Lucille, aged 17, who should be living with Wayne, falls for his brother-in-law.

Mayleen, the mother of the two, is the one who, on the outset, by the culminations of Lucille's narrative voice, that Misrule is on a temporary visit, that order of some kind will be restored.

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Josephine Humphreys: wry humour

assemble in a more satisfactory way.

Pop, for instance, finds old age is more fun with Vera (with whom he attends cardio-pulmonary resuscitation classes and lives in a modern shingled bungalow) than it would have been with his Bohemian wife, who requires a pastoral resolution, "dream house ... out in the country, in a field, behind pines".

Lucille, as narrator, has a keen eye for what is going on around her, physically and emotionally: "a really good view had the power to draw me into it, so I seemed to float out along with it, and all the colour and

receding planes". It is the texture of the "really good view" in *Rich in Love*, the unrolling panorama of events and vignettes, Rae singing at a black bar, Billy and Lucille trick-or-treating, Rhody, Lucille's prudent black friend, doing human "research" on a city tour bus, that so satisfactorily balances the novel's good sense. Humphreys draws the reader into it by the imaginative scope and wry humour of her prose, by her curiosity and psychological insight, and by her portrayal of a range of human foibles.

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Indonesia plans to increase gas exports

JAKARTA, Aug 5. (OPECNA): OPEC member country Indonesia is planning to increase the export of natural gas to Japan to compensate for the loss of oil revenues due to falling oil prices, according to A.R. Ramly, president of the state oil company, Pertamina.

He disclosed this at a ceremony marking the first shipment of Indonesian liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) to Japan at Blang Lancang special port, in the ACEH province.

LPG produced by the Arun Gas plant is the first processed from non-associated gas, Ramly explained, adding that generally LPG is produced in oil refinery and processed from Associated Gas.

**Plant**  
The construction of LPG processing plant in Arun was undertaken following a contract between Pertamina and seven Japanese firms for the supply of 1.6 million tonnes of LPG from Arun and 350,000 tonnes from Bantang plant, in the east Kalimantan province, for a period of 10 years.

Pertamina exported 115 million tonnes of LPG over the past 11 years, he said, adding that his country was a most reliable supplier.

Indonesian exports, excluding oil and gas, totalled \$3.97 billion in value during the first five months of this year, up 36 per cent from the \$2.93 billion recorded during the same period in 1987.

According to the Central Bank of Indonesia here, the increase was due to commodities fetching higher prices on world markets.

**Goods**  
Most of the goods were exported to Japan, the United States, the countries of the European Economic Community, East Europe, Hong Kong, South Korea, Singapore, the Middle East and China.

The country's main non-oil exports include plywood, sawn timber, natural rubber, tin, coffee, palm oil, tung fish, mineral, tobacco, textiles, laundry garments, spices, fertilizer, cement, rattan products and electronic goods.

Meanwhile, the value of crude oil exports over the same period fell by 2.3 per cent — from \$2.43 million in 1987 to \$2.37 million this year. The main customers were the US, Japan and the EEC countries.

## New law to attract foreign investment in Sharjah

ABU DHABI, Aug 5. (OPECNA): The emirate of Sharjah is planning to introduce a new law to attract foreign investments by liberalising business procedures, it was reported here today.

An article published today in the local daily "Khaleej Times" said the proposed law would require foreign investors to enter into contracts with local service agents rather than partners as currently required.

Under the new regulations, the local agent will have no obligation for any debts or market liabilities of the investor.

Mohammed Bin Salem Al-Qasimi, president of Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and Industry, was quoted by the paper as saying the new rules would serve both businessmen and local interests by giving them mutual protection.

The draft law had been sent to the ministry of economy and commerce for endorsement, the paper noted.

Sharjah is one of the seven emirates constituting the federal government of the United Arab Emirates.

## Oil exploration programmes

QUITO, Aug 5. (OPECNA): Cope, the Ecuadorian state oil company, is currently embarking on intensive onshore and offshore oil exploration programmes in co-operation with about 30 foreign firms.

The programmes, covering a total area of around 400 million hectares, are aimed at increasing the country's hydrocarbon reserves.

Under the scheme, 56 exploration wells are to be drilled, based on studies covering a total of 200 kilometres of seismic lines.

Work on increasing the output of producing oilfields are currently also in full swing for which 66 of a total of 132 projects to improve the fields have been completed.

Minister of Energy and Mines Dr Fernando Santos-Alvite described the results of the explorations programme as "success-

## KPC looking for new opportunities, says Hussein

# Kuwait expands oil refineries

KUWAIT is nearing the end of a multi-billion-dollar programme to expand and modernise its domestic oil refineries, the cornerstone of a policy to capture new markets for refined products overseas.

Kuwait Petroleum Corp (KPC) has already clinched a place among multinational oil giants with the acquisition of refineries and petro stations in Europe dating back to 1983 and exploration rights around the globe.

### Project

Now, with an expansion project at one of the world's most modern refineries soon to come on stream at Mina Abdullah on the Kuwaiti coast, KPC is hungry for new acquisitions of sales outlets elsewhere in Europe and Asia.

"We are looking for opportunities — companies selling products we want to sell that are profitable and well run," said Hani Hussein, KPC's assistant managing director for marketing.

Kuwait has done more than

any other member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to integrate oil operations from desert wells to consumers abroad.

Kuwait to squeeze the most out of a barrel of crude oil and insulate itself from price fluctuations in the world crude market, the northern Gulf state has aggressively turned to refined products processing and sales through its own network.

The attraction is clear — prices for refined products such as petrol on the garage forecourt are not as volatile and not subject to OPEC's official selling rates.

KPC subsidiary Kuwait Petroleum International (KPI) now sells petrol directly to European motorists through a network of 4,800 stations bearing the colourful "Q-8" brand logo, a traditional Gulf sailing ship.

Q-8 stations have opened in Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, Italy and Britain, many acquired from Gulf Oil Corp in 1983.

Hussein said the European

network now handles between 250,000 and 350,000 barrels a day (BPD).

"We would expect that number to grow... to 400,000-500,000 BPD, ultimately. But not this year or the year after," he said.

### Acquisitions

He said since KPC aimed to expand market share through acquisitions and service rather than price competition, the pace of expansion depended on the availability of good offers.

We are not talking to anyone now. But this doesn't mean we won't buy if we find the right offer," Hussein said.

Britain, Holland and Italy, where market share is relatively low, are considered by the oil industry as prime targets.

The acquisition by the London-based Kuwait Investment Office of a 22 per cent stake in British Petroleum Co PLC (BP)

is so far no more than an investment, but the move raised concern in Britain Kuwait was aiming for long-term control of the company.

"West Germany and France

would be natural locations for us to expand because they are huge consumers of oil. But we have to have the right opportunity," Hussein said.

KPC's only major acquisition so far this year has been a 4,500 BPD Italian lubricating oil plant.

Japan has proved a tough market to crack because of restrictions on foreign investment.

But other Asian countries including the Philippines, where the national oil company mooted privatisation of its downstream business in 1986, have been studied.

At home, the Kuwait National Petroleum Co (KNPC) has commissioned a new crude unit at the Mina Abdullah refinery that will almost double its capacity to around 210,000 BPD, officials said.

### Production

Other refineries at Mina Al-Ahmad and Shuaiba can together produce as much as 555,000 BPD, but Hussein said they were expected to average a total of about 440,000 BPD this year.

That means about two-thirds of current Kuwaiti crude oil production, which Hussein put at just under one million BPD, is sold as refined products. The country's OPEC quota is 996,000.

Kuwait also operates former Gulf oil refineries in Denmark and Holland with a combined throughput of around 135,000 BPD. But they are often run with non-Kuwaiti crude.

Bader Haji Yousef, manager of Mina Al-Ahmad refinery, said the \$2 billion expansion project at Mina Abdullah would be fully on stream by early next year.

### Scheme

That will mark the end of a scheme launched in 1980 to upgrade all three refineries, boosting their output of profitable middle distillates such as gas oil and kerosene at the expense of fuel oil, which yields lower prices.

"The main feature is zero fuel oil," Yousef said of Mina Abdullah. "It's unique in the area... the goal is to improve on the product quality to be more competitive in world markets."

## World Business Summary

### Saudi bank to distribute more deposits to public

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia, Aug 5. (AP): Al Rajhi Banking and Investment Corp., the money-changer recently turned full service bank in Saudi Arabia, will soon begin distributing its excess 2.1 billion riyals (\$560 million). The amount was held on deposit since Al Rajhi's oversubscribed public offering last May, its first after the transformation into the oil-rich kingdom's 12th commercial bank. The \$22.5-million-riyal (\$86-million) flotation was oversubscribed 7.6 times, resulting in deposits of approximately 2.5 billion riyals (\$660 million). Abdul Aziz Al Dukail, whose Consulting Centre for Finance and Investment managed the flotation, told the local press that the offering set a record for speed and amount of oversubscription. According to local press, the Ministry of Commerce has approved a distribution formula which will favour small shareholders. Those who ordered five shares will receive their entire subscription; investors requesting 10 to 15 shares will get six; those who ordered 20 to 35 will receive seven, and so on. Only 32 shares will be allocated to investors who requested the maximum 10,000 shares. However, over 90 per cent of the 456,357 investors applied for 100 shares or less, attesting to the overwhelming popularity of the offering among Saudi Arabian nationals. "Saudi people prefer to invest in their own country," said Saleimah Abdul Aziz Al Rajhi, general manager and managing director, in an interview with the Associated Press earlier this year. The majority of the company is still owned by the four Al Rajhi brothers who founded the concern.

### South African minister weighs import controls

JOHANNESBURG, Aug 5. (Reuter): South Africa may soon introduce direct import controls to avert a balance of payments crisis threatening its ability to repay foreign debts. Finance Minister Barend du Plessis said on Thursday. Du Plessis told reporters that a few indirect controls were already in place but pressure on the balance of payments current account and dwindling gold and foreign currency reserves could force Pretoria to tighten these. "It may become necessary to extend import controls..." he said, adding the government would act as soon as it had further economic data on the widening balance of payments deficit. He said the measures could include direct curbs on some imports, tariffs to discourage others and higher surcharges on a wide range of imported goods. Stressing his reluctance to impose controls, Du Plessis acknowledged they implied that "some bureaucrat somewhere will know exactly how much of a certain item should be imported." Du Plessis and Reserve Bank Governor Gerhard de Kock, the chief advocates of free-market principles in the domestic economy, have long opposed pressure for direct import controls from leaders of the conservative Afrikaner business establishment. South Africa needs a balance of payments surplus to repay \$2.1 billion of foreign debt. In 1985 foreign banks cut credit lines amid anti-apartheid pressures and Pretoria has since repaid over five billion dollars.

Surging imports and static exports plagued the current account into a deficit of \$10 million rand (\$168 million) in the first quarter of this year after a surplus of \$5.5 billion rand (\$2.7 billion) in 1987. It was the first current account deficit in four years and forced Pretoria to dip into its gold reserves to keep up debt payments. Gold reserves dropped by one billion rand (\$410 billion) to \$3.9 billion (\$1.6 billion) in June. Economists at several major banks estimated the deficit widened to about one billion rand (\$410 million) in the second quarter, threatening Pretoria's ability to repay between \$1 billion and \$1.5 billion in foreign debt due this year.

### Unions threaten strike to protest inflation package

BUENOS AIRES, Aug 5. (Reuter): Argentina's powerful trade unions on Thursday denounced new government anti-inflation measures and threatened to call a general strike in protest. "The (anti-inflation) plan is a mess. It does not benefit the working man," said Saúl Ubaldini, secretary-general of the General Labour Confederation (CGT). Ubaldini told reporters he had requested an urgent meeting with President Raúl Alfonsín, who unveiled the measures on Wednesday and described them as a decisive attack on inflation that would require sacrifices from the whole nation. The reforms included a pact with industry to restrain price increases, currently running at over 20 per cent monthly, to a maximum five per cent over the next two months, a 30 per cent rise in public utility and fuel prices, sharp cuts in government spending, and a 10.5 per cent devaluation of the austral. Ubaldini said workers' wages were likely to fall further behind inflation and that early retirement plans for public employees would mask hidden layoffs. Farmers also condemned the plan, saying moves to give industrial exporters a preferential exchange rate were unfair.

Economy Ministry sources said a good crop and higher export prices due to the US drought meant the farm sector was healthy and, unlike industry, did not need measures to help it. But the president of the Argentine Rural Society, Guillermo Alchorón, told Reuters the whole weight of the plan fell on the shoulders of the farmer.

### Malaysia gives incentives to expand investment

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 5. (KUNA): The Malaysian government has relaxed a number of regulations to make incentives even more attractive for foreign entrepreneurs to invest in the country, it was reported here today. The report quoted Trade and Industry Minister Rofidah Aziz as saying that foreign investors will be allowed 100 per cent equity in projects catering to the domestic market. However, this will only apply if the foreign entrepreneurs cannot find suitable local partners. She said the cabinet committee on investments chaired by the Deputy Premier Bahar Bahar agreed to the relaxation for manufacturing and integrated agricultural projects. She said foreigners can hold up to 100 per cent equity in these projects for a period of five years from the date of production. However, they have to abide by three conditions: The company has to export a minimum of 20 per cent of its manufacturing output. Foreign investors must approach the Trade and Industry ministry if local partners are not available for a particular project; and for integrated projects, land matters are subject to approval from respective state governments. She said after a period of five years, the foreign equity has to be reduced in accordance with existing guidelines on foreign ownership based on quantum export. These new guidelines are valid for new projects or projects approved or licensed between October 1, 1986 and December 31, 1990, she added.

### Economic reforms under review

BEIJING, Aug 5. (Reuter): China's leaders have returned to their exclusive seaside resort to try to agree how to press forward with controversial economic reforms, informed Chinese sources said on Thursday. The talks in Beidaihe were adjourned last week for Communist Party leader Zhao Ziyang and other senior figures to return to Beijing for weekend Army Day celebrations. One source said the meetings would focus on agriculture, an anti-corruption drive and, above all, how to proceed with price reforms at the risk of even higher inflation. "Price reforms are a big problem. Many people are complaining and the leaders have to listen to them," the source said. A party source added that the Beidaihe meetings would also cover the Kampuchean conflict in preparation for Sino-Soviet talks later this month in Beijing. China's leaders routinely retire to the coast each summer to escape Beijing heat to set policy for the year ahead.

## Italy keen to import more oil from Iran



Visiting Italian Foreign Trade Minister Renato Ruggiero (left) shakes hands with the Iranian Prime Minister Mir Hossein Mousavi before a meeting. Among the issues discussed were ways of expanding trade co-operation between the two countries. (Reuter wirephoto)

co-operation, pointing out that his country enjoyed "special conditions" for foreign economic co-operation resulting from the abundance of its oil, gas and mineral resources.

He stressed that expansion of bilateral co-operation depended heavily on "balanced trade ties" between the two countries.

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# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

## International Bond Highlights

London — American Brands Inc is issuing a 200 mn dlr convertible Eurobond due September 8, 2003 with an indicated coupon of 5-1/4 to 5-1/2 pct and par pricing, lead manager Morgan Stanley International said. (0838 RTZI)

Zurich — The Canadian Province of Manitoba is issuing 100 mn Swiss francs in four year, 4-1/2 pct notes priced at 100-1/2 pct, lead manager Union Bank of Switzerland said. (RTZN 0840)

Zurich — Euroactividade AG, a Liechtenstein-based holiday resort developer, said it plans to issue next month a 45 mn Swiss franc convertible bond with a coupon of around 3-3/4 pct and priced at par via DG Bank (Schweiz) AG. (RTUI 1420)

## Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 10-1/8 TEN	10-3/8 1/4	10-7/8 3/4
FFT 4.90/5.00	5.00/10	5.20/30
PAR 6-15/16 7-1/16	7-1/16 3/16	7-5/16 7/16
ZUR 1-5/8 1-7/8	3 3-1/4	3-5/8 3-7/8
BRY 7.25	6-11/16 13/16	7-1/16 1/2
ROM 10 10-1/2	10-7/8 11-3/8	11 11-1/2
AMS 1-8/15 5-1/4	5-3/16 5-5/16	5-5/16 5-7/16
TKD 3.8125 8750	4.0000 0625	4.0625 1250
ECU +++	+++	+++

## Interest Rates

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6	6-7/16
3 months	6	6-7/16
6 months	6	6-7/16
1 year	6-1/8	6-9/16

## BOMBAY

PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	57	57	57-50	NIICO	572.50	580	590
ACC 247	249	250	GRASIM	48	48	47-50	NIKAND	83.50	84	85
ASIA PAINT 157.50	157.50	157.50	GSFC	107.25	108	108	NIKOL	487.50	495	495
BAJAJ AUTO 250	255	261	25 NIND LEVER	68.75	68.50	69.50	PELCO	26	26.50	26
BAR. RAYON 240	240	235	25 NINDALCO	93	93.50	93	PFIZER	60	61	59.50
BON. DYEING 108	111	115.50	115 NINDCO	81.25	80	81.25	PRE-AUTO	33.25	33	33
BR. BOND 87	88	88	86 NINDMOTOR	26	26.50	26.75	RAYMOND	49	48.50	49.50
BSE INDEX 599.79	600.63	600.63	148.00	24.50	25	25	RELIANCE	202	202.50	202.50
CENTURYSPO 885	886.25	892.50	INDRAYON	66	67	68	SIEMENS	68.50	68.50	69.50
COLGATE 218.75	218.75	220	INDROL	166.25	162.50	165	SPIC	50.50	50.25	50.75
DEEPAKFERT 38.50	39	39.75	ITC	44	45	44	STOMILLS	255	250	242.50
ESKA/EF 120	121.25	120	L A T	117	122	119	TATACHEM	74.75	74	75
ESSAR 18.25	18.25	18.75	NAHIDRA	59	58	59	TELOO	672.50	680	690
GAR. POLY 78.50	79	79.75	NASTERSH	10.50	10.25	10.40	TISCO	820	821.25	821.25
GE. SHIP 28.75	28.87	28.75	NATHER PL	51	49	50	VOLTAS	315	312.50	317.50

## FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST	PR.CLOSE	STOCK	LAST	PR.CLOSE	MITSUBI CP	1210	1190	MITSUBI EL	940	955
AEG 202.3	202.3	202.3	AKIJINMOTO	2910	2930	MITSUBI EST	2420	2430	MITSUBI HVY	956	970
ALLIANZ VR 1565.2	1541.0	1541.0	AKAI ELEC	605	620	MITSUBI IND	1.26	1.25	MITSUBI KOG	885	900
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BAYER HYP 334.0	332.0	332.0	BANK TOKYO	1580	1580	MITSUBI KOSH	1940	1820	MITSUBI KOSH	1940	1820
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Interest rates may rise further to dampen inflation

## Dollar renews gains, sterling eases

LONDON, Aug 5. (Reuter): The dollar rose sharply today after the United States issued figures showing brisk gains in the number of Americans finding jobs in June and July.

That suggested a still-robust economic expansion and higher wage demands, implying that interest rates may rise further to dampen inflation.

Relatively high US interest rates have been attracting money to dollar assets for more than a month and the jobs data gave it another boost, so that it closed in Europe above \$1.89 for the first time since last August 12.

### Resistance

It gained more than a pfennig despite dollar sales by the US Federal Reserve Board which sought to brake its ascent lest an over-strong dollar crimp American exports.

At the London close the dollar was worth 1,892.00 marks after 1,878.5 yesterday and 133.65 yen after 132.97. Sterling ended lower at \$1.6955, down 1/2 cents.

"If the dollar breaks through resistance at 1.90 marks it will go through the roof," a dealer in Frankfurt said.

### Nigeria offshore banking should start with Africa

Lagos, Aug 5. (OPECNA): Nigeria's venture into offshore banking activities has to start within the African region, Chris Udoh, a top bank official, has suggested.

Delivering a paper on "Problems and prospects of international banking" here on Thursday, at the 23rd annual seminar of the Nigerian Institute of Bankers, Udoh said that this was essential in order to identify business opportunities and establish investment and trade links within Africa.

He said this was also necessary because of the obvious commercial and social benefits of integrating African banking systems. He stressed the need to encourage the emergence of an "African common market" based on Africa's unique trade settlement system.

Udoh said that an integrated banking system within Africa would also help minimise hard currency pressure on African countries and keep at a manageable level Africa's hard debt burden.

### Impact

He said that the current wave of deregulation and privatisation adopted by African nations must be complemented by international banking activities in order to create the required impact.

He called on African nations to use current economic transformations to integrate Africa's economies through intra-African trade.

Udoh said that for the Nigerian banking system to expand internationally, some well-defined incentive programmes had to be worked out by government.

Such incentives, he said, included the dismantling of psychological, cultural and socio-economic barriers existing between Nigeria and the rest of the world as well as the encouragement of free movement of goods, services and people, especially within Africa, through the removal of tariffs and visa barriers.

### Oil prices recover slightly

LONDON, Aug 5. (Reuter): Crude oil prices drifted up by about 15 cents a barrel on world spot markets today, recovering slightly from steep falls earlier in the week, traders said.

But by the close of European business, North Sea Brent blend was still quoted more than a dollar down on the week at \$14.70 a barrel.

The fall reflected a view among traders that the five-man pricing committee of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries which met on Wednesday failed to come up with any new measures to cut crude production or raise prices.

OPEC secretary-general Subrin has agreed to try and reconvene opposing camps in OPEC with bilateral talks.

He will discuss getting Iraq to drop opposition to joining the organisation, output curbs and try to get an agreement on the vexed issue of whether natural gas condensates should count as crude oil for quota purposes.

By the European close, the key US grade, West Texas Intermediate, was 15 cents firmer, while Dubai, the leading Middle East grade, had gained 20 cents to stand at \$13.00.

Today's US figures showed a gain of 23,000 non-farm jobs in July and revised the gain for June from 346,000 to 532,000, although the overall July unemployment rate was 5.4 per cent, up from 5.3 per cent in June.

Wall Street was not too happy about prospects of costlier money which may pinch consumer spending and business profits.

At midday in New York the Dow Jones industrial average was down 11.91 at 2,114.69 points.

Tokyo's Nikkei average earlier rose 130.72 points to a record close at 28,423.38, but brokers said the advance was due to little more than selective buying in a listless market.

### Value

Gold was set in the London bullion market for the afternoon at \$432.85 an ounce, supported by inflation fears. It is a favoured haven when inflation erodes the value of other assets.

Crude oil prices in late European trading were little changed from yesterday's New York close. Typical North Sea grades were quoted around \$14.65 a barrel.

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Engineering group FKI Babcock, 3p higher at 138, topped the active list with g1 million shares. Dealers said the stock has lagged behind the sector recently.

### Weak

Ranks Hovis McDougall remained weak, 3p lower at 452 on fears that Goodman Fielder's £1.7 billion bid for the company may be referred to the Monopolis Commission. Goodman's formal offer document has yet to be sent to RHM shareholders.

Trafalgar House ended 9p up at 319 after the company said it may sell its oil and gas interests.

Trafalgar told Reuters that the interests have a book value of around £10 million.

Pearson was 7p higher at 786 ahead of its six month figures due on Monday. Brokers are looking for a rise in pre-tax profits to around £70 million from £5.2 million in the first half last year.

The FTSE 100 share index closed 6.2p up at 1,875.9.

## Egypt and IMF to thrash out new economic accord

CAIRO, Aug 5. (Reuter): An International Monetary Fund (IMF) team was due in Cairo yesterday to try to settle differences over crucial economic reforms that would reduce pressure from Egypt's creditors.

The team, led by IMF Middle East director Abdel-Shakour Shaalan, was expected to meet Prime Minister Atif Sedki and Minister of Economy and Foreign Trade Youssri Mustafa during a week-long visit.

Egyptian officials, squeezed between the demands of the poor and pressure from Western creditors, say they agree in principle with IMF ideas but differ over the pace of reform.

President Hosni Mubarak told senior advisers at a meeting on Wednesday that Egypt remained committed to gradual economic change "according to what society can bear."

### Needs

Egypt needs to renew an IMF accord, signed in May last year but now considered defunct, to further reschedule payments on its \$4.3 billion foreign debt.

The 1987 pact led to Paris Club rescheduling for debt payments due between January 1987 and June 1988. One lender, Japan, has still not agreed with Egypt on rescheduling terms for that period.

Most payments due from July 1 have not been made. But IMF blessing for a reform package would allow Egypt to return to the Paris Club to reschedule debts retroactively, Western diplomats said.

"I think the IMF understands completely now the Egyptian point of view," Mubarak said in a July interview. "We told them very clearly what it means if you

take reform steps beyond Egypt's ability and beyond the tolerance of Egyptians."

Egypt

has resisted IMF requests to abolish an artificially low exchange rate used for imports of basic goods, which represents a heavy hidden subsidy.

The IMF wants Egypt to bring the rate, 0.70 Egyptian pounds to the dollar, up to the commercial level of about £2.30.

The IMF and World Bank would both welcome higher electricity prices, estimated at between 25 and 40 per cent of world levels.

On the interest rate issue, Cairo papers have reported a government plan, still under study, to raise rates on savings accounts by two to three per cent from current levels, which range up to 13 per cent.

### Subsidies

Mubarak

has told Egyptians he cannot keep all subsidies at current levels because world market prices are rising for goods such as wheat, cooking oil, sugar and rice.

The IMF would like to see interest rates more in line with inflation, running at about 30 per cent, in order to attract more local savings. Egyptians keep billions of dollars in foreign banks.

Diplomats said the fund would support a plan for gradual interest rate increases.

A Western diplomat who watches the economic situation closely said he did not expect an agreement after this round of talks.

"There may be a breakthrough of some sort, but I'd be very surprised if this round alone leads to any major, far-reaching conclusions," he said.

## Sudanese official hints at devaluation

KHARTOUM, Aug 5. (Reuter): A senior Sudanese official hinted strongly today at a devaluation of the currency, saying priority should be given to setting a more realistic exchange rate for the Sudanese pound.

"The determination of a realistic exchange rate for the Sudanese pound is the most important task ahead," Minister of State for Finance Al Tigan Al Tayeb Ibrahim told the official Sudan News Agency SUNA.

Ibrahim returned earlier this week from Washington where he had more than three weeks of talks with International Monetary Fund (IMF) officials seeking a lower pound.

### Reforms

The pound has been officially fixed at \$4.50 since October last year, when Sudan devalued by 44 per cent as part of an agreement with the IMF on economic reforms which also included petrol and sugar price rises.

The measures, as similar reforms had done in the past, sparked street protests in which several people were killed. But foreign bankers and economists say Sudan has no choice but to devalue the pound further.

They predict the government will decree a small devaluation before the end of the year, if only

to maintain the goodwill of the IMF, to which it is \$1 billion in arrears, and donor countries.

The IMF, which declared Sudan ineligible for fresh credits in 1986, wants Khartoum to devalue and cut spending. In return, it would give donors the go-ahead to help finance a four-year economic recovery plan.

Talks in Khartoum between the two sides broke down in June when Sudan refused to devalue, but Ibrahim said the issue needed further study and a new round of negotiations was expected in September.

Local press reports have said Sudan is prepared to devalue by two pounds to 6.50 to the dollar but, the IMF wants a massive readjustment to bring the official exchange rate close to the black market rate.

### Remittances

The pound has traded on the illegal, though generally tolerated, black market at about 10 pounds to the dollar over the past year.

The market attracts most of the foreign currency remittances of the estimated one million Sudanese working abroad, who seek the lower rate offered by banks.

Finance Minister Omar Nour Al Dayem said the government borrowed 1.6 billion pounds (\$355 million) from the Bank of Sudan during the fiscal year which ended on June 30.

## Italy's top woman business executive dies

ROME, Aug 5. (AP): Marisa Bellisario, who became Italy's best-known woman business executive when she rescued the giant Italtel telecommunications company from the brink of collapse, died on Thursday, a company spokeswoman said.

Ms Bellisario died at her home in Turin of cancer, said Italtel spokeswoman Laura Sipala. She said Bellisario was in her early 50s, but that she did not know her birthday.

"It was a total shock, she was working up until a few days ago," said another spokeswoman, Giovanna Guzzetti.

Ms Bellisario was appointed managing director and chief executive officer of the state-owned Italtel in 1981.

When she took over, losses were piling up by more than 269 billion lire (\$25 million) a year.

### Priorities

One of her first priorities was to trim the payroll of the company that like many of Italy's state-owned companies was saddled with a bloated staff. In three years she cut the work force from 29,000 to 21,000, replacing nearly half the management and shifting the emphasis of the products from mechanical to electronic.

She cut the company's losses in half in 1982 and then returned it to profitability, where it has remained under her direction.

Ms Bellisario became embroiled in controversy last year when a plan to set up a joint venture between Italtel and Teletra, Fiat's telecommunications subsidiary, fell through in a dispute over who should run the new company. Fiat opposed Ms. Bellisario, who enjoyed the support of Socialist leader Bettino Craxi.

### Deal

Fiat pulled out of the deal because of what it claimed was political interference.

Ms. Bellisario, who wrote her own life story in the book "Woman and top manager," has been described in Italy as a role

isario

frequently worked 12-hour days and shuttled between Milan, Rome and other European capitals. But she refused to work on weekends, which she spent at home with her husband, mathematics professor Lioniello Cantoni.

"Maybe I can show young girls that you can make it and still be a normal woman with normal attitudes toward your family or husband," she once said.

She said she and her husband decided not to have children. "For me it is really important to be free and flexible, something I could not be as a responsible mother."

Prior to joining Italtel, Ms. Bellisario was president and chief executive officer of Olivetti Corporation of America.

## SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

### SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUAIKH PORT AS ON 4/8/88

B.No.	Ship Name	Agent	Tel
2	Zarka	GH&Q	4747815
6	Felicu	AlSawan	4746018
7	Kanika	GH&Q	4747815
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11	Barbara Morgan	Al Rashad	2423642
14	Kasuya	ISA	2441860
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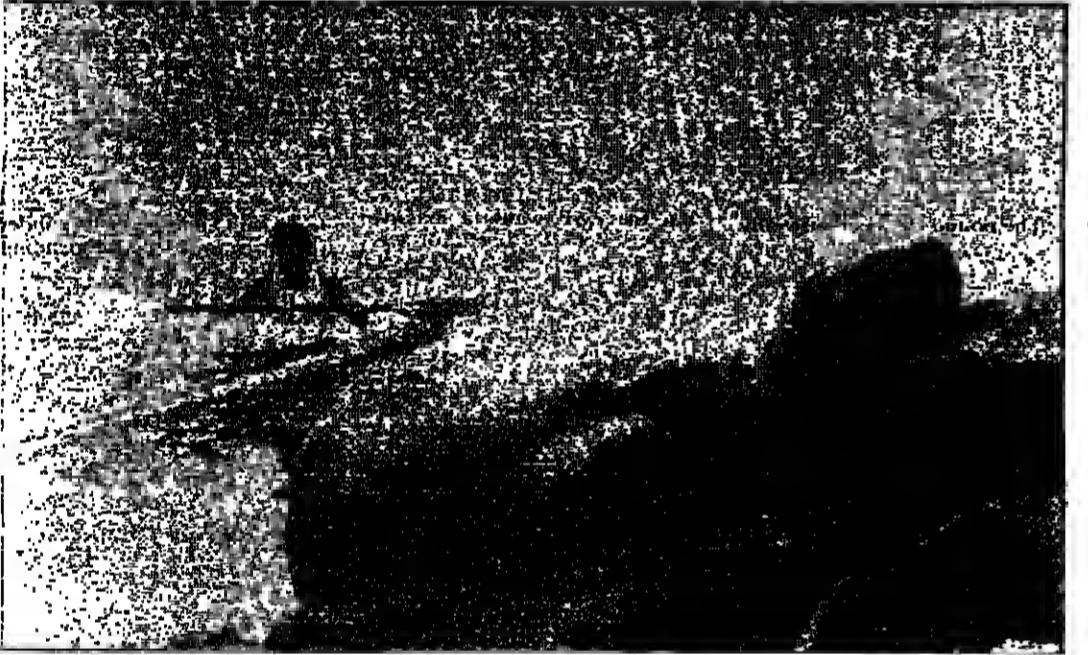
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A ROAD-HEADER machine drills out clay inside the main Channel tunnel so that the main boring machine can later move in to drill one of the three Euro-tunnels between Britain and France. (Reuter wirephoto)



A LITTLE victim of adulterated cooking oil lies on a hospital bed in Calcutta while his sister keeps vigil. (Reuter wirephoto)



A SEA lion lies on some rocks on the Pacific Ocean side of the Panama Canal. According to the Smithsonian Institute of Tropical Investigations, the animal, which is suffering from the high Panamanian temperatures, could have been originally from the Galapagos Islands near Ecuador. (Reuter wirephoto)



THE Queen Mother waves to well-wishers on Thursday, her 88th birthday, at the entrance to Clarence House in London. With her are (left to right), Queen Elizabeth, Viscount Linley, Princess Diana and Lady Sarah Armstrong-Jones. (Reuter wirephoto)



A PALESTINIAN woman from the West Bank town of Jaricho, holds up her Jordanian passport as she and her infant daughter wait in a bus for clearance after crossing the Allenby Bridge from Jordan. (Reuter wirephoto)



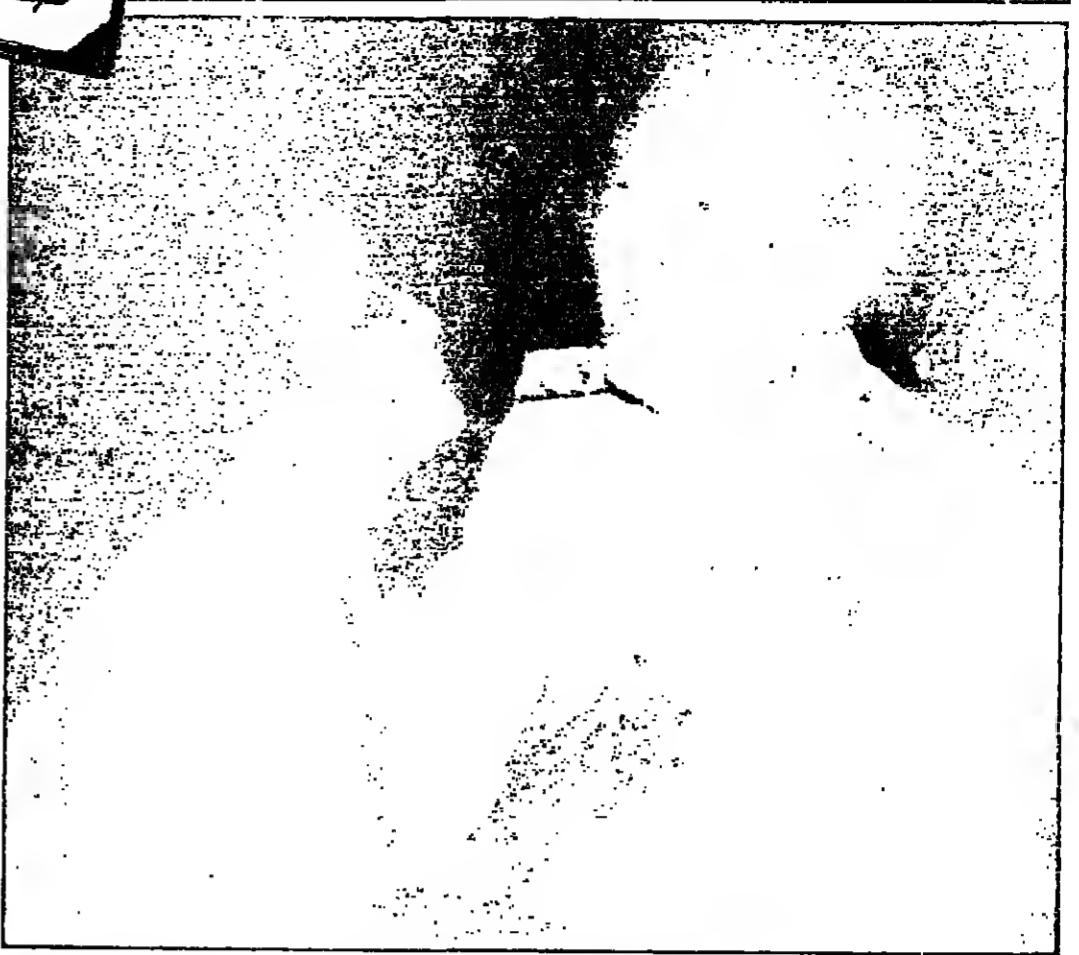
A THREE-YEAR-OLD Filipino seems to be telling where his sentiments lie during a rally by an anti-nuclear group in front of the US embassy in Manila. The group demanded removal of American military bases from Philippines. (Reuter wirephoto)



A FIREMAN sprays with water one of seven bush and forest fires raging on the Mediterranean coast in Montroig, Spain. Four thousand people were evacuated from nearby areas before firemen managed to control the fire. (Reuter wirephoto)



MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC, makers of Panasonic brand home appliances, yesterday launched their new portable video camera which can be attached to a headband and only weighs 60 grams. The camera and the recorder-player, which come with built-in TV set, will be marketed in October. (Reuter wirephoto)



CHATICHAI CHOOHAVAN, 66, is hugged by his wife Boonruen after being appointed Thai prime minister on Thursday. (Reuter wirephoto)



US Secretary of Defence Frank Carlucci (left) met Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal after his arrival in Ankara on Thursday. (Reuter wirephoto)



DEMONSTRATORS protesting against Britain's involvement in Northern Ireland, wave placards and chant slogans during a visit by British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to a harbour-side entertainment development at Sydney's Darling Harbour. (Reuter wirephoto)



BALBIR SINGH (right), one of the three people convicted in the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in 1984, leaves Tihar jail as a free man after the Indian Supreme Court overturned the ruling in appeal. (Reuter wirephoto)







BECKER AND MCENROE SURVIVE WAVE OF UPSETS

# Seguso's aces stun Connors

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 5. (UPI): Robert Seguso stunned second-seeded Jimmy Connors, 7-6 (7-3), 4-6, 7-6 (7-5), in a marathon match yesterday that highlighted a series of upsets at the US Men's Hardcourt Tennis Championships.

Third-seeded Brad Gilbert, sixth-seeded Aaron Krickstein and eighth-seeded Peter Lundgren also were eliminated in third-round play at the Indianapolis Sports Centre.

Top-seeded Boris Becker breezed to a 6-3, 6-4, triumph last night over Rick Leach. John McEnroe, the No. 4 seed, struggled to defeat 11th-seed John Frawley, 6-7 (8-6), 6-2, 6-3, in the night's final match.

Seguso served 13 of his 24 aces in the first set of the match and won the sixth game of the set by serving four aces. The 15th seed smashed a backhand winner in the final point of the third-set tiebreaker to end the match, which lasted 2 hours and 36 minutes.

"I came up with big serves on the big points," Seguso said. "That was the key to the match for me."

Connors, a five-time US Open champion and winner of a record 106 tournaments, said Seguso's serve grew stronger as the match progressed.

"I was just out there. I don't know what happened," said

Connors. "He just kind of bounces some balls in when it counts. Hard, harder, harder. That's the way his serve went. I had chances. He just kept blowing the ball by me. What do you do?"

With the final tiebreaker tied 3-3, Connors hit two returns from the backcourt into the net, then sent a deep volley beyond the baseline to give Seguso three match points. Connors, who turns 36 next month, hit a service winner and a winner from the net to pull within 6-5 before Seguso's deciding point.

"I think he was feeling the pressure more than I was," Seguso said. "He missed some crucial points."

Seguso's only other victory over Connors in six previous matches came in the first round of the 1986 Wimbledon championships. In their most recent meeting before the Hardcourt Championships, Seguso pushed Connors before succumbing 3-6, 7-6, 10-8 at the Queen's tournament in London earlier this year.

Jim Pugh, the 13th seed, defeated Gilbert 6-0, 6-4, hitting a crosscourt winner on match point to advance into the quarterfinals against Todd Witsken, a resident of nearby Carmel, Ind. Witsken eliminated Krickstein 6-2, 6-2.

"I started off pretty slow and I started off pretty well. I was on fire," Pugh said. "I hit a lot of hard returns and I think that

shocked him."

Gilbert rallied to save a service break early in the second set and played progressively better afterwards. But the surge was too late to overcome Pugh, a two-handed vollyer, who defeated Gilbert last November in their only prior meeting.

"He started playing better in the second set and I lost confidence," Pugh said. "I started out relaxed in the second set so it seemed like I played a lot better in the second. That made it tougher. I just kept the balls in as well as I could and kept the returns down."

Senegal's Yahiya Douniha defeated Lundgren 6-4, 6-4 in the day's other surprise, earning a quarterfinal meeting with Becker. Derrick Rosigno, the 10th seed, eliminated John Ross 6-4, 7-5 to earn a quarterfinal berth against Seguso. Michael Robertson advanced by defeating Mark Dickson 6-4, 6-4.

Gilbert said he played much better than in his initial match on Tuesday night.

"I was very solid and returned service much better," he said. "I had to put a lot of first serves in to win any points."

McEnroe, formerly the world's number one player, said he should not have lost the first set.

"I got careless at times and it cost me. He (Frawley) played a good, steady match," he said.

McEnroe: overcame Frawley

## Lendl scores easy win over Agassi

INGLEWOOD, California, Aug. 5. (AP): Ivan Lendl defeated Andre Agassi 7-6, 6-2 last night in the first session of the Michelin Challenge series at the Forum.

Agassi broke Lendl in the third game of the first set to go up 2-1, then Lendl broke back for a 2-2 tie. Both players held serve to force a tiebreaker, which Lendl won, 6-6.

Lendl, the world's top-ranked player, dominated the second set, with Agassi winning only the first and third games.

Lendl had six aces, including four in the second set.

The match, played before a crowd of 10,589 fans, took one hour, 23 minutes.

The round-robin competition will continue in November.

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"It is important for me to play a lot of matches for my movement," Lendl added. "I won because I'm older than him."

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Meanwhile, Agassi yesterday denied rumours that he will join the US tennis team competing in the 1988 Summer Olympic Games in Seoul.

Agassi issued a statement through his management firm, Cleveland-based International Management Group, disputing reports that he might replace Brad Gilbert or Tim Mayotte on the US team.

"I started 1988 ranked 25th in the world," Agassi said. "So when the team was picked in January, I really didn't deserve consideration, at least not when Brad Gilbert, who was ranked 13th, and Tim Mayotte, who was ranked ninth, were available."

## Durie opts out of British team

SAN DIEGO, Aug. 5. (Reuter): Joe Durie, Britain's number one woman tennis player, on Wednesday said she will not compete in the Olympics next month because of her extremely busy schedule.

"I shall be playing for seven weeks up to the US Open and would have to leave for Seoul immediately afterwards, and then return to Europe for the indoor tournaments," said Durie, the eighth seed at the \$100,000 tournament here.

## Lewis hopes to make Olympic history

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 5. (Reuter): The embryonic career of a pop singer is temporarily on hold.

Quadruple Olympic champion Carl Lewis is concentrating on what he does best — running and jumping.

"Just to win an Olympic gold medal is an unbelievable achievement," Lewis told Reuters recently. "To go back and double when no one has ever done it in all these years is something even more — it shows the ability to come back and persevere through everything."

In the 100 metres, 200 metres, the long jump and anchoring the 4x100 metres relay team, the best in the United States wants to be the best in the world once more.

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Agassi issued a statement through his management firm, Cleveland-based International Management Group, disputing reports that he might replace Brad Gilbert or Tim Mayotte on the US team.

"I started 1988 ranked 25th in the world," Agassi said. "So when the team was picked in January, I really didn't deserve consideration, at least not when Brad Gilbert, who was ranked 13th, and Tim Mayotte, who was ranked ninth, were available."

Retire

"I've tried to retire — it didn't work. I'm back," Leonard said at a press conference. "No, I'm never going to retire — I'll say it officially now — I'm never going to retire."

"Sugar Ray's going to be around for a long time."

Neither the sight nor the date of the match has yet been set, fuelling speculation that the timing of the bout may have to do with a race to see whether Leonard or Thomas 'Hit man' Hearns becomes boxing's first five-division champion.

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any claim the American might have had to being the world's fastest sprinter.

Lewis struck gold twice in Rome with the solid long jump victory and by anchoring the US 4x100 metres relay team. But it was Johnson's world record of 9.83 seconds in the 100 metres which stole the show.

"Carl just blanched out at the start," Tom Tellez, Lewis' long-time trainer, told Reuters. "He let Ben Johnson dictate the race to the beginning."

"I don't know if he (Johnson) will ever run another race like it. He ran a great one. Carl has to yet run a great race but he's capable of it."

Lewis gave a sample of what he could do at the US Olympic trials where, assisted by a following wind of 5.2 metres a second, he clocked 9.78 seconds for the 100 metres.

The time was not a world record because the wind was well above the permitted maximum of 2.0 metres a second.

But Lewis believes the run was highly significant.

Just as Johnson's world record of 9.83 seconds had shown runners they could dip under the 9.90 barrier, he said, this race demonstrated man could run faster than 9.80 seconds.

A few days later Lewis showed he would be the man to beat in his

favourite event — the long jump — by leaping a wind-assisted 8.59 metres in driving rain. He jumped 8.76 metres, the fifth longest ever, when the rain stopped.

He was not as successful in the 200 metres, losing to training partner Joe Doelach, but promised: "I'll be better when it counts."

Although Lewis must await the outcome of moves to get more than the scheduled one hour between the second round of the 200 metres and the long jump final on September 26 before announcing his plans, friends say he will run the 200 in Seoul.

His singing career, which has had limited success, has taken second place while Lewis concentrates on both the Olympics and improving his image.

Arrogant

Lewis lost millions of dollars in potential endorsements after the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics because he came across as aloof and arrogant.

An overflowing coliseum crowd, looking for an attack on Bob Beaman's long-standing world record, booted Lewis for failing to take more than two of his allotted six jumps in the long jump final. The media chastised him for not talking to them between rounds of competition and for arriving more than an hour

late for a news conference.

At the trials last month, however, Lewis was early for his pre-competition news conference and stayed to answer all the questions. After making the US team in three events, he twice visited the press box to watch as his sister Carol earned a trip to Seoul in the women's long jump.

"I know he comes off as being aloof but it's not that," said an associate in Houston, where Lewis lives and trains. "He's just very protective of himself and not real outgoing."

He does joke frequently with athletes at the University of Houston, where he is a part-time athletics coach, and is very close to his track and field colleagues, a friend said.

His mother, the former Evelyn Lawler, was a hurdler on the US team for the 1951 Pan American Games and an older brother, Cleve, was an outstanding college soccer player.

Lewis' Olympic 100 metres gold medal is buried with his father, who coached him as a youth.

But Lewis, who has trained more and competed less this year, is ready to win a replacement medal.

"I'm in the best shape I've ever been in," he said. "Ben will have to run a perfect race to beat me again. I don't think he can."

## Moses holds off Dia Ba for victory

LA CORUNNA, Spain, Aug. 5. (Reuter): Brazilian Edwin Moses of the United States held off Senegal's Amadou Dia Ba to win the 400 metres hurdles at an international athletics meeting yesterday.

Moses, who will be trying for his third Olympic title in Seoul, was racing for the first time in Europe this year.

The 32-year-old world record holder led from the start to clock 49.22 seconds.

Dia Ba was second in 49.26 with American Nat Page third in 49.51.

tors could also give him the discretionary place in the 800 metres.

Coe was unhappy the selectors had put pressure on him to "prove himself" in the 1,500. He said last weekend that if he did run that distance at the trials, it would be under protest.

The field here includes world 800 metres silver medalist Peter Elliott, world number three Steve Cram and the talented Adrian Passey.

Coe's old rival, Steve Ovett, will also be in the field and it will be the first time they have met since the 1984 Olympic 1,500 metres final.

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## Leonard returns for chance at fifth title

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5. (Reuter): Sugar Ray Leonard said he was returning to the ring for good as he ended his latest period of retirement yesterday for a chance to become the boxer to win titles in five different weight divisions.

Leonard will fight for the World Boxing Council's (WBC) newly created super middleweight title this autumn against Donny "Golden Boy" Lalonde of Canada. Lalonde's WBC light heavyweight title will also be at stake.

However, Leonard also said: "This is an opportunity to make history, although I've said in the past that history is not on my agenda."

The contract for the Leonard-Lalonde bout is for late October or early November. Offers to stage the bout have come from Japan, China, New York City, Atlanta City and Las Vegas, according to Mike Trainer, Leonard's manager.

Leonard has not fought since announcing his third retirement following an upset win over Marvelous Marvin Hagler in April 1987 that brought him the middleweight championship.

Leonard had previously held the welterweight and junior middleweight crowns.

Leonard he must be crazy to think he could beat a light heavy-

weight.

"People's perception of me has never been a deep concern or motivation of mine," said

Lalonde, who will have to fight the super middleweight limit of 76 kg. "If they haven't heard of me now, they will know me after the fight."

Leonard, who said he is now 71 kg, shrugged off a chance to answer Lalonde, who said he is now at 78.5 kg.

Details of the purse and percentages were not revealed, although Trainer said Leonard would receive more than the \$12 million he earned for the Hagler fight.

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